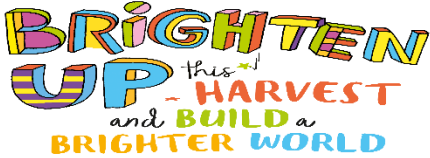


Year 2 Class Newsletter

Autumn 1



Core text for English	Throughout this term, the core text we will be focusing on is 'Inside the Villains' by Clotilde Perrin and 'Anansi the Spider' by Gerald McDermott
Supplementary texts	• Traditional Tales • The Last Wolf by Mini Grey • Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig
English focus	• Character description • Retell a story • Writing the end of a story • Write a cultural traditional tale in the authors style
Phonics focus	This term we will be focusing on revisiting all sounds. Little Wandle and Letter and Sounds https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk Please see the following videos for pronunciation videos: Phase 2 - https://youtu.be/-ZtjFlvA_fs?rel=0 Phase 3 - https://youtu.be/qDu3JAjf-U0?rel=0
Maths focus	Number Place Value • Read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words. • Recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones). • Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations, including the number line • Compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100; use < and > and = signs • Partition any two-digit number into different combinations of tens and ones, explaining their thinking verbally, in pictures or using apparatus. Addition & Subtraction • Show that addition of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and subtraction of one number from another cannot. • Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently.
RE Focus	Domestic Church: Family The Big Question: Who made the world and everything in it? Baptism/ Confirmation: Belonging The Big Question: Are signs and symbols important?

Faith in Action	 MacMillan Coffee morning – Parents are invited to come into school and share tea and cake. Cake bake competition. Cake sale to be held after school.  CAFOD – Go Green Harvest Festival-children will donate food to give to the food banks in our local community.
Foundation subject topics	History: World War One and Remembrance day Science: Animals, including humans Computing: Programming PSHE: Health and Wellbeing Art: Pattern and colour in weaving textiles. Music: Mars-Planets Holst (BBC Ten Pieces)
PE days (and kit expectations)	Tuesday & Wednesday - please wear black jogging bottoms/leggings, a white round neck t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls. Please wear your school jumper over the top of your PE kit. Thursday's focus will be gymnastics, please ensure long hair is tied back on this day.
Ways to help at home	Please bring in book bags every day. Books will be changed on a Tuesday and Friday with the reading books and signed record book. Please ensure you are reading with your child at home every evening for a minimum of ten minutes. Please log all reading in your child's reading record. Activities that you could do at home: Play games that use dice, such as ludo, monopoly etc to help develop maths skills. Scrabble is a fun game to play, and helps develop spelling. Reading non-fiction books linked to your child's interests to expand their knowledge. Your child has their own 'Mathletics' username and password. This is a maths website that they have access to play at school and at home. The website is available at http://www.mathletics.co.uk/ and numeracy games can be played from any computer with internet access. It is linked to the national curriculum objectives for your child's year and revises key knowledge and skills. It is not just games! Your child will be able to practise core skills in a fun and exciting way that matches their ability. For more information, please feel free to ask any questions or visit the Mathletics home page which will give a clearer idea of the activities available. Your child also has their own username and password for 'Times Tables Rockstars'. It is important that they are able to recall number facts at speed to aid them with their daily maths work. In Year 2, children must know their

	2,3,5,10 tables by the end of the academic year to enable them to progress in KS2. Homework will be given out every Friday and will also be uploaded onto Google Classroom weekly. To log into Google Classroom, use your child's unique username followed by @stjosephsgsuite.co.uk and their unique password. Year 2 class is referred to as 'St Teresa of Calcutta' class. Homework must be returned on Wednesdays. It is essential that you practise phonics with your children regularly to continue to develop their reading ability and understanding of language.
Key Dates	Tuesday 13th September – Meet the teacher. Tuesday 20th September -Individual School Photos - Tempest photographer. Monday 26th September Mini Marathon starts. Friday 30th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning/ Cake Competition/Cake Sale. Thursday 20th October Harvest Festival – mass at church.
Additional information	I am looking forward to working with you and your child to ensure they have a great learning experience in year 2. If you have any questions, I have put the class email address and the school support email address below Year 2: year2@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk School Support: support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk

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