



## St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

### "Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

*We aspire to be guided in all that we do by our inclusive Christian ethos. We are enthusiastic about life-long learning and share wisdom in serving each other and our world. We encourage all to live lives of hope and aspiration, inspired through acquiring new skills and attributes. Dignity and respect are at the heart of our school.*

10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

Dear Parents/ Guardians and our Terrific Twos!

**RE : YEAR 2 AUTUMN TERM 2023 NEWSLETTER**

We hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and enjoyed the break from school.

We have had a lovely few days last week settling into our new class. Some fantastic castles were created - well done to all of you.

Just to remind you of teaching staff in Year 2 - our Teaching Assistant in the classroom is Mrs. Carrington. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday morning the class is taken by Mrs. Bowcock and on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday it is taken by Mrs. Barnett.

Our PE slot is now on a **Wednesday**, please ensure that children come to school dressed in PE kit on this day.

Children are also encouraged to bring **named** water bottles to school daily, these will be sent home at the end of the day to ensure they are cleaned daily.

For this first half term, it will be Muddy Mondays with Mrs. Bailey on Monday afternoons. There will be a post about this on Class Dojo. Please can your child come dressed appropriately. Wellies or boots that they can get muddy or wet (Please wear shoes to school and bring wellies in a bag)

Wear an older coat on Mondays (they may be handling mud, clay or just catch it on a branch!) Old trousers or waterproofs, again, mud and rain will not slow us down.

- Hats
- Gloves are **not** needed, as they will often get messy
- No scarfs for safety reasons

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Don't forget to bring a coat everyday as, we go out in all weathers.

This is what your child will be covering this term.

Subject	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	George and the Dragon/The Day The Crayons Quit	Stone Age Boy/ Meerkat Christmas
Maths	Place value	Addition and Subtraction
Science	Everyday Materials	The properties of different materials.
R.E.	What do Christians believe God is like?	Incarnation / The Christmas Story
Music	Charanga	Charanga
P.E.	Ball skills	Multi-skills
Topic	Colossal Castles	Stone Age

## **ENGLISH**

In English the children are encouraged to read both fiction and non-fiction texts and to read 5 times a week at home. In school we promote quiet reading as well as individual and guided reading opportunities and activities. This improves reading fluency and allows children to improve their reading comprehension by discussing the text. During our work on different genres of texts children are taught how to write for audience, sentence structure, use appropriate language and discover definitions of more difficult words alongside working on their cursive handwriting.

## **MATHS**

In Maths we will visit place value, number and the four operations, building on previous knowledge and teaching new methods and skills. We are aiming to develop the children's understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using written and mental strategies. We will continue to learn multiplication tables and applying this knowledge when working. Problem solving and mastery is an area that we will focus on to consolidate techniques learnt.

## **HOMEWORK**

Homework will consist of a piece of English and Maths/Science covering what we have been working on that week or basic number fluency/reading comprehension. The children will also receive spelling homework each week which will be tested.

Learning and practising times tables and number bonds at home is the **key** to helping with numerical fluency and your help in this would be much appreciated and will hugely benefit your child in class. We have found that in previous years those who know their 2's, 5's and 10's have found the mathematical concepts easier.

Reading books can be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Fridays, Mrs. Carrington will check all reading records that are in school and each child that has read

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the agreed 5 times a week will get a marble in our jar and a little treat. When our marble jar is full, we will agree on a class reward. This is a whole class initiative so it is important that everyone tries their best to get their marble each week.

Please can you make sure that names are in all the items brought to school. This helps to keep your child's belongings safe and easily returned to them if lost. We often lose time trying to find whose belongings are whose.

For queries or concerns you may have, please contact either Mrs. Bowcock or Mrs. Barnett on Class Dojo or phone the school office. Alternatively, make an appointment with Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Rosson in the school office and we will endeavour to resolve any issues or answer and questions as promptly as possible.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Bowcock and Mrs. Barnett

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