

## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter: Autumn 2

### Message from Teachers

Dear Parents, as we enter the second half of this term, excitement is building toward the festive season. Over the coming weeks, we'll be continuing our work to deepen learning as well as begin preparations for our Christmas celebrations. Thank you for your continued support in helping make this a memorable term for your child!

#### Key Dates:

**Attending Parish Mass:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Whole School Non-Uniform day-** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Fayre:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Nativity:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 – PS/NS parents      2.00 – NA parents

**Jolly Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner Day:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Party Day:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Key Information

**P.E.** – Your child's P.E. lessons are currently on a Tuesday and Friday so can you please ensure your child wears their PE kit for school both days. Many of the lessons take place in the Junior School could we please ask that they have trainers and joggers for walking between the schools as the weather turns colder? Thank you. Also, could you please make sure that their name is written/attached to all of their clothing.

**Reading day** - Could you please send your child's reading book and reading record book in to school on their designated reading day which is written on the front cover of their reading record book. Please try to read with your child as much as you possibly can and record this in their record book.

**Water bottles** – Please send your child's **water bottle** into school every day. **Water only please.**

**Homework** - The children will bring their homework home each Friday. This is to be completed and then returned to school each Wednesday.



### Our Learning in Year Two



**Maths:** This half term we will be moving onto the unit **Addition and Subtraction**. The children will be moved into sets for maths and your child will learn to: find bonds to 10 and 100, add and subtract 1s, add and subtract across a 10, find 10 more and 10 less than a number and add two 2-digit numbers. Our next unit in maths will be **multiplication and division**.

**English:** This half term we will be writing our discussion text posing the argument whether Year 2 should be allowed to bring packed lunch to school. We will look at how to write conflicting arguments and varied sentence starters. We will move onto a poetry unit, where we will write our own acrostic poems.

### Other Curriculum Areas

**Phonics:** During phonics this half term, we will focus on the different spellings for the sounds /n/, /er/, /v/ and /oo/. We will also recap some of the Year 1 spellings. Homework spellings will be based upon words containing the focus sounds.

**Geography:** In Geography, we will be learning all about Planet Earth, we will learn about the seven continents and five oceans as well as the United Kingdom and what children know about the planet we live on.

**Science:** Our Science lessons will explore Living things. As well as identifying which things are alive, dead or have never been alive, we will use the acronym MRS GREN to recognise how things can be living. In our Secret Garden, we will also investigate micro-habitats.

**P.E.:** The P.E. this half term will focus on Multi skills, health related fitness and gymnastics.

**Music:** This half term in Music, we will be learning about 'Time Signatures', thinking about the beat in key songs. The song we will be learning is 'Evening Star', which is in a ¾ time signature. We will also be looking at Rock 'n' Roll music.

**R.E./Personal Development:** This half term in R.E. our topic is 'Advent/Loving'. We will also explore Judaism as we look at other faiths. In Personal Development, we will be using Ten Ten and will cover the topics of 'Emotional Well-being'.

**DT:** We will be applying our cooking skills in Food Technology to make a sandwich.

**Computing:** Our topic is 'Algorithms' and we will learn how to write clear, precise instructions for everyday tasks.

