

St John's Cathedral Catholic Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,
The children have really begun to settle well into Year 2 and it is lovely to be back with them again. They are really ready for the rigours of the Year 2 curriculum! I hope that this newsletter will keep you informed of our work in class this term.

Our topics this term are...

At the park

In this Geography based unit we will be finding out about the changes that have been made to one of Portsmouth's most popular places, Canoe Lake. We will be using photographs to find out what Canoe Lake used to be like and comparing and contrasting them to the present day. We will be taking a trip to Canoe Lake, details to follow soon. We will compare the facilities at Canoe Lake with those at Victoria Park and think of ways to improve and develop both areas. We will be designing and making our own play equipment in our DT work.

Joseph and his Coat of Many Colours

Using this Bible story as a stimulus we will be exploring Traditional stories and their morals and messages. We will be exploring Materials and their properties, looking at patterns and design. The children will be using ICT programs to design their own coat of many colours and then hopefully making them from fabric!

Performing Arts

In the lead up to Christmas we shall be utilising our acting, singing and dancing skills as we put together our Christmas production. We shall look forward to showing you the results of all our hard work at the Cathedral!

Literacy

In our Literacy work we will be exploring units on Poetry, Stories with familiar settings and writing instructions. The children will be encouraged to write independently with a focus on spelling familiar words correctly, using punctuation and the correct cursive script. We will look at ways to improve the quality of our writing by using descriptive words and phrases, sequencing connectives and exciting verbs.

Numeracy

In our Numeracy work we will be focussing on the properties of larger numbers and using them to add, subtract, divide and multiply. There are some great games for the children to play on the internet to improve their numeracy skills.

RE

RE is a very important part of our curriculum. We will be exploring Creation, St John's Gospel, Prayers, Saints and Feasts and Advent and Christmas in our RE lessons this term.

Class Liturgy

You are very welcome to join us for our class liturgy at the Cathedral on Wednesday 9th November at 9.15am.

PE

We have three PE lessons per week on Monday, Thursday and Friday. Please can you ensure that your child has their PE kit at school on these days and that they have a suitable pair of trainers or plimsolls for

outside games. If your child wears earrings please can you ensure that they bring micro pore tape to cover their earrings for our PE lesson or alternatively not wear earrings on these days.

Homework

Homework is a very important part of helping your child to achieve their potential. Please support them in ensuring that homework is completed and returned to school on time.

Reading every night

Monday – spellings given out / Friday – test

Friday – Literacy/Numeracy task / return

Monday

Many thanks for your support, if you have any worries or concerns always feel free to pop in and have a chat!

Mrs. A. Beaton,