



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

"Where everyone is special"

Welcome to Year 2
Summer Term 1 2019
What is happening this half term?

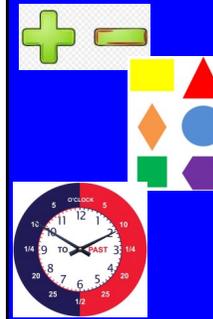
Year 2 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

The information below includes all the details of our curriculum and calendar for the Spring Term. In Year 2 pupils take part in literacy and maths each day, along with daily spelling practise based on the spelling patterns in the Year 2 curriculum and the Year 2 common exception words (copy in purple homework books). Throughout the year in Year 2, we are assessing pupils against the National Standards in Reading, Writing and Maths. We also aim to provide an exciting curriculum with lots of opportunities for pupils to write for different purposes and take part in creative activities.

English

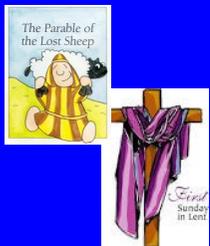
Literacy—This half term we will be working on fiction and non-fiction about Australian Animals. Our fiction text is called 'The Koala Who Could' By Rachel Bright and is a beautifully illustrated story with a rhyming pattern. The children will also be creating non-chronological reports about different Australian Animals after researching using the internet and information books.

Mathematics



We follow the Mathematics Mastery Scheme and this half term we will be covering Numbers within 1000 and place value using these numbers and calculation Strategies for addition and subtraction

RE



As part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham we follow the curriculum 'Learning and Growing as the People of God'. This half term we will cover:
Easter—looking at the events after the resurrection, including searching the tomb and doubting Thomas.
Pentecost— The events of the first Pentecost and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Science

Pupils will take part in investigations and practical work during science lessons. The topic for this term is 'Animals including Humans' The children will learn about life cycles of different animals and how humans grow and live healthy lives.

Theme	In theme this half-term we will be going on an Australian Adventure. In this topic we will be exploring Australian culture, looking at the geography of the country and making comparisons with Australia and the United Kingdom.
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Computing	We will be using the Ipads and Laptops for lots of research for our theme work this half-term. We will also be following our computing topics and covering effective searching using search engines and e-safety.
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Design & Technology And Art	In Design and Technology we will be doing some cooking and designing of food from Australia. In art we will be painting in the style of aboriginal paintings using cotton buds.
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Music	In Music we will be learning some new songs and accompanying them with percussion instruments as well as listening to some traditional Australian music.
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PE	In P.E. we will be learning the game of Rounders and will also be doing Athletics in preparation for Sport's Day
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Home learning

Reading—Pupils will bring home a reading book and a reading diary. Please sign the diary when you would like to change the reading book. Books can be changed on a Monday or a Friday. We recommend that you listen to your child read for short bursts of time every day.

Home learning— Each Friday purple homework books will come home with a maths activity, linked to the learning in class and the spellings which have been covered that week. Also a comprehension booklet will be sent home, with one reading task to be completed. Please only complete the specified task. Homework is due in on Wednesday of the following week. Please speak to the teachers if you have any questions or concerns about the home learning.

Communication

<p><u>Masses</u></p> <p>9th May—Whole school Mass</p> <p><u>Other Dates</u></p> <p>23rd May—Year 2 assembly—parents welcome</p>	<p>If you have any questions that you would like to ask please email the class teachers. Please make sure that you have read the communication policy to ensure that the correct information is sent to the correct people.</p> <p>(Monday to Wednesday): Mrs O'Connor oconnor.h@welearn365.com</p> <p>(Thursday & Friday): Mrs Rouledge rouledge.l@welearn365.com</p> <p>Don't forget to check the website for our 'Recommended Reading Lists' and our 'Further reading lists'.</p> <p>Also please remember to follow our Twitter page @EMCPrimary.</p>
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