



The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14



Autumn 2 2025

Dear parents and carers,

The children have got a very busy half term ahead in year 2 as we lead up to Christmas. The children will be learning the fun and catchy songs for their Advent celebration, which is at the beginning of December.

In RE, the children will be learning about Catholic Social Teaching. They will also be learning about the angel Gabriel appearing to Zechariah in their topic of Advent.

In reading, the children will improve their reading fluency using their Reading Anthology and decodable reading books. The children will continue to practice answering simple, written retrieval questions after reading a text.

In writing this half term, the children will be focusing on different writing forms, and their purpose and audience, including non-chronological reports and diary entries. They will continue to consolidate using accurate punctuation and expand their sentences using sentence openers and conjunctions.

In maths, the children will be making links between number bonds to 10 and number bonds to 20. They will also begin to use column addition and subtraction. The children will also build on their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, including learning about shape symmetry.

In science, the children will be meeting mini beasts when Bug Fest visit year 2 for the day and they will also be learning about simple food chains.

In geography, the children will be broadening their view of the world. After learning about the UK and the seas and oceans surrounding it in Autumn 1, this half term they will be learning about the continents and the oceans of the world.

In PE, the children will continue to develop their gymnastics skills with lessons taught by our fabulous external gymnastics coach.

In PSHE, the children will be learning about anti-bullying and teamwork.

In Art, the children will be focusing on the artist Kandinsky, creating symmetrical prints and using different textures.

In music, the children will be learning Christmas songs. They will be beginning to learn the meaning of musical symbols, including crescendo and decrescendo.

In computing, the children will begin to use basic coding to draw simple shapes, including a square and a triangle.

Key dates:

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November – Online parent meetings

Week beginning 10th November – Anti-bullying Week

Wednesday 12th November – Year 2 Bug Fest

Thursday 20th November – Panto in school

Friday 21st November – PA Crazy hair and odd sock day

Friday 28th November – Family Star Gazing Evening 6-7pm on the MUGA

Tuesday 9th December – Year 2 Advent celebrations

Monday 15th December – KS1 choir concert at 3:30pm

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas dinner day

Thursday 18th December – Christmas dress down day

Friday 20th December – INSET day

Please remember to read daily with your child and complete the reading challenge. Daily reading will ensure your child has the best start in life.