



Headteacher: Mrs S. Derbyshire

Year 2 - Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back to school - we are so happy to see how enthusiastically the children have participated in their learning already and cannot wait to see how they flourish this year. Please find below some key information about the Autumn term and the expectations in Year 2.

Homework

Our expectation at St Pius Catholic Primary School is that every child should do the following every night:

- 15 minutes reading to themselves or an adult (signed in the reading record).
- 10 minutes practising spellings.
- 10 minutes rehearsing times tables facts on Times Tables Rockstars.

Times Tables Rockstars

Times Tables Rockstars is a brilliant tool for children to develop their fluency and accuracy in times tables throughout the year. Please encourage your children to practise for at least 10 minutes every day. If your child does not know their login details, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher directly.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on **Friday** and the children will be tested the following Friday.

PE Lessons/ Forest School

PE lessons for Year 2 take place on **Thursday** and **Friday**, children need to come into school wearing their PE kits on these days.

Reading Books

As reading is such a priority, we will try to make sure children's books are regularly changed (usually on a Monday) and every child will have an opportunity to read daily in class. Please remind the children to let any adults know if they need to change their book and that it is their responsibility to bring any old reading books back to school. We hope that the Reading Incentives will also encourage children to read daily at home. We will also visit the school library most weeks so children can borrow books. They must return books before they will be allowed to borrow a new one.

Please find a list of recommended books [here](#).

Key Diary Dates

Autumn 1		Autumn 2	
Parents' Evening 1	Monday 20th October 3.40pm - 6.20pm	Class Trip	Hyde Hall Tuesday 11th November
Parents' Evening 2	Wednesday 22nd October 4pm - 7pm	KS1 Nativity Performances	Thursday 4th December (9.30am) Friday 5th December (9.30am)
Last Day of half term	Friday 24th October	Last Day of Term	Friday 19th December (children finishing at 1:30pm)

Curriculum Information

On the following page, we have included a summary of some of the topics the children will be covering this term, so that you can best support your child with their learning at home.

We look forward to the year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Griffiths & Mrs Ratcliffe

Autumn Term		
	1st Half Term	2nd Half Term
English	Stories in familiar settings Non chronological reports	Instructions Poetry Recounts
Maths	Place Value Addition and subtraction	Addition and subtraction Shape
	Here are some useful websites to support your child with their learning at home: BBC Bitesize Maths Oak National Academy	
RE	Creation and Covenant Big Question: What is a new beginning?	Prophecy and Promise
International Primary Curriculum	Brainwave - This topic will enable children to understand how they learn in more depth, how they can improve their learning and improve their attitudes towards learning. Super humans -This topic will be looking at the bodies of animals and humans, discovering what they need to survive. We will be using our senses, investigating different food groups and discussing how we can keep our bodies clean and healthy.	From A to B - This topic will be covering changes within our living memory, with a key focus on how transport has changed over time. We will be using maps to travel to different countries, comparing them to our own and carrying out a local traffic survey.