

Important dates for Year 2:

Thursday 1st February – Number Day

Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February – Half term

Tuesday 27th February- Return to School

Friday 22nd March- Curriculum Assembly

Thursday 28th March-Last day of Term

How can I help at home?

- ✓ Help your child to be organised –
Are there any letters for me in your bag?
Have you got your reading book?
- ✓ Please continue to read with the children at home. A variety of types of reading – them to you, you to them, or silent reading, are all worthwhile.
- ✓ Please could they have their reading book in their bag every day.
- ✓ Please help your child to be organised with their time to ensure homework is completed.

Library: We will visit the library, situated on the lower site once every two weeks. The children will be able to choose a book to bring home.

Useful websites:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-2/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://www.typingclub.com/>

St. Alban and St. Stephen Catholic Primary School



Year 2 Parent Information Booklet

What your child will be learning about this term and how
you can help at home

‘Learning and growing with God by our side’

Spring Term 2024

English

Adventure stories:

This term, our English focus revolves around "Traction Man" by Mini Grey. Children will write their own thrilling adventure stories, emphasising the use of commas in lists, adjectives for description and conjunctions for seamless connections. Children be creating comics in the distinctive style of "Traction Man."

Whole school project – Fables:

This term we will also have a whole school project where every class will be reading a story called 'Fate of Fousto'. Year 2 will be using this story to write their own fable. Children will be retelling the fable using skills we have learnt so far in Year 2. Then we they will be creating their own story with a lesson to learn.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Please encourage your children to practise their spellings each week and ask them about their learning.

Maths:

This term children will be looking at measuring capacity, mass and length, height and width. They will also be collecting data using tally charts, bar charts and pictograms. We are also looking at money and solving word problems involving money. Children will work on the written addition and subtraction method. Later in the term the children will be introduced to telling the time and estimating, ordering and comparing time. Children will also start their 2,5,10 times tables.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Counting money, collecting data and making tally charts, bar charts, pictographs. Measuring using different types of scales and comparing. Completing My Maths homework.

R.E:

Books: The children will look at the religious books we use in church.

Thanksgiving: We will look at why we should be grateful people.

Opportunities: In this lesson we explore how each day offers opportunity for good.

Catholic Social Teaching:

Our topic this term will be Peace and Solidarity and the children will explore how we can be peacemakers in our school.

Geography-The World and Me- Hong Kong

Our big question is: How is Hong Kong different to the place that I live?

- We will use geographical terms to describe Hong Kong.
- We will explore what it is like to live in Hong Kong and compare it to the place that we live in.

History - Homes through time?

Our big question is: Why don't people live in castles anymore?

- We will explore homes in the past and modern day homes.
- We will look at castles and why they were built and how they developed over time.
- We explore a significant historical place as part of our studies.

Art/ D.T

This term we will be painting using primary and secondary colours. We will explore different techniques and artists. By the end of the unit we will have created masks that link to our Hong Kong theme. These masks will represent the animals from the Chinese calendar.

Science

Our local environment:

In Science children will be learning how to classify and sort living things. They will explore different habitats and look for micro habitats around our school. The children will learn about a significant person who studies animals 'David Attenborough' whilst looking at habitats. Lastly Year 2 will learn about food chains, predators and prey.

PE: This term we will be focusing on ball skills. Year 2 will learn how to catch, throw and dribble a ball confidently. They will take part in invasion games whilst learning these important skills.

Computing:

Computing systems and networks: Develop touch typing skills and editing skills.

Programming 2: Scratch Junior- Programming a familiar story using predict-test-review.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: *Remind children of their responsibility to stay safe online and always use trusted websites. They should not have any social media accounts and all other accounts (such as online games) should be monitored at all times.*