



Year 2
Spring
News 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. I would like to thank you all for your generous gifts, they were very much appreciated.

As I broke up for Christmas, I reflected back over the first term. Routines are now firmly in place, the majority of children have worked hard and their behaviour is excellent. I am very proud of what they have achieved so far and am looking forward to another productive term.

As we move swiftly into the Spring term, the children will be preparing for their statutory end of Key Stage assessments in May. I have briefly started mentioning SATS to them as to prepare them, but will not be putting any pressure on the children at all. We do not want any children worrying about these tests and please speak to me if you have any concerns over this. It does however mean this term has very specific focuses and objectives that the children will be working towards. I am sure the children will rise to this challenge and work hard.

Reminders

- The children need their indoor P.E. kit this half term so please ensure they have the All Souls t-shirt, shorts and pumps.
- Please keep reading daily with your child, we cannot stress the importance of this
- Spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday and need to be learnt in readiness for their test the following Tuesday.
- 5 minute times tables practise a day will help to secure their knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables (the end of Year 2 expectation).

Dates for your diaries

- Our Year 1 and 2 class mass is Tuesday 2nd February.
- There is a Piano assembly on Wednesday 3rd February.
- Ash Wednesday whole school mass Wednesday 10th February.
- Friday the 12th February is a Teacher Training Day.
- Parents evening is Tuesday 1st March & Wednesday 2nd March.

Please check the website and the weekly newsletters regularly for any amendments or extra dates.

Our curriculum this term consists of:

R.E. – This term consists of: Christmas, Parables and Miracles, Special Celebrations, Lent and Holy Week.

Numeracy – We will cover work from the four units of the new curriculum: number sense, additive reasoning, multiplicative reasoning and geometric reasoning. We will also be developing your child's mental maths skills and their problem solving skills.

Literacy - This term we are focusing on sentence construction: simple, compound and complex, as well as be able to write within a particular tense. We will be covering aspects of grammar and punctuation too. Several times a week we will doing reading comprehension which comprises of looking at different texts and then answering different types of questions. We look at particular words/meanings, why an author might have done something in a particular way, why something is being said or done and how to sequence events. These are all new skills for the children to learn. Because of this some children might be moved into a reading group, where rather than being heard read individually, they will be reading together, talking about the book and answering questions. Please bare with us while this transition takes place, as it will involve looking at the stages children are in and what books they have or haven't read. We are also reading Tom's Midnight Garden as our class book, which the children have really enjoyed so far.

History - We are carrying on with our topic from last half term, concentrating on chronology and where different past events fit alongside each other. The children's History topics, that they completed at home, were lovely and they presented their findings very well to the rest of the class.

Science – We are currently finishing our unit on Animals and Humans and will then move onto Living Things and Their Habitats.

Art - The children will be mastering the skill of mixing paints, understanding the colour wheel, primary and secondary colours, warm and cold colours and textures.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you all at parents evening.

