



Friday 17th September

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome back and welcome to Year 2! The children are beginning to adapt to life in their new year group and have remembered all the routines we have put in place to keep them safe. It has been a privilege to get to know them over the last few weeks and I am very much looking forward to the year ahead- they are a lovely class! So far this year we have started our Year 2 learning in Maths, read the story of Noah from the Old Testament and retold it, recapped some Year 1 grammar skills and now have started our first unit of writing which is autobiographies. We are lucky to be joined this year by Ms McGinn, who will be joining us each morning and on Monday- Wednesday afternoons as well as Miss Nagra, our wonderful trainee teacher who is with us Tuesday-Friday. I hope that this newsletter will answer any questions that you have about the upcoming term. If you have any unanswered questions or would like to speak to me about anything (however small), feel free to grab me at the end of the day or alternatively, contact me via my email (lucy.clarke@allsoulsschool.co.uk).

Autumn Term Curriculum

Below is an overview of the curriculum that will be covered this term. However, like all good plans, there is likely to be some variance as the term progresses; this will be updated as and when necessary.

RE	Understanding stories from the Old Testament including the stories of Noah, Jonah, Abraham and Isaac and Daniel.
Literacy	Punctuation and grammar focus, fiction and non-fiction writing and we will be writing a variety of text types, including an autobiography, recount character description of Fantastic Mr Fox, a book review, a letter to Father Christmas and a setting description.
Numeracy	Number Sense and Place Value: counting, reading and writing numbers to 100, recognising tens and ones in a two-digit number, comparing and ordering numbers to 100. Additive Reasoning: recalling addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently, and using related facts up to 100, adding and subtracting numbers, recognising and using the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction, using symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p) and combining amounts to make a particular value. Multiplicative Reasoning: recalling multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, recognising odd and even numbers, using the symbols for \times , \div and $=$ in mathematical statements, showing that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order but division cannot. Geometric Reasoning: identifying and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and identifying lines of symmetry.
Science	Everyday Materials: comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses, finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed. Animals Including Humans: Knowing that animals have offspring which grow into adults, describing the basic needs of animals for survival and understanding the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.
PE	Monday: multi skills Wednesday: outdoor learning

Year 2 Expectations

Homework

Spellings will be set on a Friday with a spelling test happening the following Friday. I will also send home Maths/Phonics sheets based on learning that we have completed during the week. Please support and encourage your child with their homework: embedding crucial skills such as spelling and times tables will provide the building blocks for them to excel in the classroom.

Reading

In addition to their other homework, your child should also be reading at home on a (almost) daily basis with an adult. Their reading record should be completed each time they read, detailing what was read and with whom. Please ensure that this reading record is brought into school each day. I ask for your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's reading as this is critical to their development in Literacy. Please expose your child not only to the reading scheme books provided by school, but also to further material such as magazines, encyclopaedias, and other books by their favourite authors. They may not be able to read these independently but sharing different books with your child will nurture their love of reading and hugely benefit their academic development.

Miscellaneous Messages

- Reading books will be given out on a Monday and are to be returned on a Friday.
- Please ensure that all school uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name.
- Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle into school each day, labelled with their name.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 21st September- Y1, 2 and 3 Class Mass

Monday 27th September- Nasal flu vaccinations

Sunday 3rd October- Reception Mass @ 9.30am

Monday 4th October- St Francis of Assisi Saint day (Y2 children come to school in party clothes)

Tuesday 5th October- Y1, 2 and 3 Class Mass

Tuesday 18th October- Parents Evening

Wednesday 19th October- Parents Evening

Friday 22nd October- School closes for Half Term

Monday 1st November- Back to school (Autumn 2)

Sunday 7th November- Year 6 commitment Mass @ 9.30am

Sunday 28th November- First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 3rd December- Year 3 commitment Mass @ 9.30am

Friday 17th December- School closes for Christmas holiday

Wednesday 5th January- Back to school (Spring 1)

You will also notice I have added Sunday Mass dates for October, November and December. It would be great to see as many All Souls families there as possible. Please stay up to date with dates for your diary and any changes that may occur by regularly checking our school webpage and the Y2 blog.

Kind Regards,

L. Clarke