



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term

Our Lady & St. Joseph Primary School



A Warm
Welcome to
Year 2!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be teaching Year 2 again this year! It is a very busy year for Year 2 children as they prepare for their SATs, and to move to KS2. We are covering lots of exciting topics this term, and I am looking forward to seeing the amazing work each pupil produces.

English: We will be focusing on fiction, non-fiction and poetry. We will use stories using familiar setting to plan, re-tell and change stories using a range of punctuation and different sentence types. We will start by using the familiar text 'The Tiger who came to Tea'. We will also explore postcard and letter writing, and traditional stories. Phonics and guided reading sessions will also occur daily.

Maths: We will focus on ensuring key skills are in place to begin the year well. This will mean securing the understanding of number and place value. We will use numbers bonds and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to help us add and subtract numbers. The number square and number lines will help support our learning. We will also be using real life situations to help children become more confident with money, time and shape. As well as our regular Maths sessions, children will have short-burst mental Maths lessons to improve their mental skills and speed in solving problems.

Religious Education: We are covering a variety of topics this term, starting with the "Domestic Church-Family" and then "Signs and Symbols in Baptism" and finally "Advent; preparing to celebrate Christmas". We will discuss and reflect on the coming Sundays Gospel through the Word on Wednesday. The other faith we will learn about is Judaism.

Science: We will learn about 'Animals including Humans'. We will learn about how baby animals develop to adults and what they need to do so. We will compare animals needs to humans, thinking about the things that help them to grow.

History: We will be learning about our local area and the rich history that Hackney has to offer, such as Sutton House, The Round Chapel and St Augustine's Tower.

Geography: We will continue to secure our knowledge of the continents. We will then look at the United Kingdom before focusing on Hackney, our local area.

ICT: We will use the ICT suite and iPad's for cross-curricular learning. We will research topics and learn to present findings in a variety of ways.

Spanish: We will learn Spanish vocabulary and phrases through singing and games.

Weekly Timetable

Monday

Home learning due back.
New spellings brought home
Reading books are changed
PE

Wednesday

Word on Wednesday sent home. Please take time to read WOW with your child.

Thursday

Reading books are changed.
Whole class music lesson with Miss Dyer.
New home learning is set.

Friday

Weekly spelling test.

Your continued support at home is invaluable to help your child's progression this year. Please encourage your child to engage in a wide variety of texts from fiction and non-fiction. We will also be working hard recognising coins, telling time and securing our knowledge in the 2, 5 and 10 time tables, any practice done at home would be greatly beneficial to your child's learning.

Many thanks, Miss Cahill