



## St. Mary's Primary School Primary 2 learning leaflet - Term 1



**Reading:** Primary 2 will continue to read Oxford Reading Tree books or Dandelion books each week to support the development of our sounds and new words. We will discuss the stories in class and make

predictions. It is essential that we continue to use the blending method e.g. c-a-r when reading new words. We will continue to focus on high frequency words. We will continue to use Word Boost books each week in class and a parent postcard will be sent home each week.

**Writing:** We have been learning about writing sentences. In class we have been focusing on capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We are working hard to make sure all of our letters sit on the line.

'Free Write Friday' will give the children the opportunity to express themselves through writing as we encourage the children to 'give it a go'.



**Phonics:** We are following the Literacy Rich and Jolly Phonics programme. We have been working to ensure children are confident in all sounds from

Primary 1 and will begin to introduce to new sounds each week. As we move through the sounds we will blend sounds together to make words. Direct teaching is used to introduce and revise letters, followed by interactive games, activities and learning through play to immerse children in the phonics progression.



**Talking and Listening:** We are focusing on quality talking and listening in Primary 2. Children are encouraged to look at the person who is talking, sitting still, staying quiet and listening to all the words. Children will learn how to ask a question about what is being talked about and know how to answer appropriately. We use opportunities for children to talk to the whole class using their own work as a stimulus. The children often enjoy sharing their work or experiences with their peers. Circle Time games and 'check ins' also give children talking and listening experiences.



**Maths:** we will work through a range of concepts this term. Children are working with numbers from 0 -30 and been learning read write and sequence these numbers. We will understand and use vocabulary such as more or less, in between and before and after. We will have daily opportunities to use different equipment and resources, play number and counting games and ICT to support learning. We will also look at days of the week and months of the year when completing out daily calendar.



**Interdisciplinary Learning:** Our topic this term is "People Who Help Us" this is links in with our focus on Health and Wellbeing. Through this topic, children will learn: the various people who help us and the role they play in our community. We will talk in class about the people who are there to help us and

when we might need their help. Children will be able to share their ideas through expressive arts such as role play and making various creations during art and craft activities.



**R.E.** Children have been learning daily prayers and know that when we pray, we are talking to God. They can bless themselves and join their hands when praying. Children have listened to some Bible stories and they will learn that God gave us all talents and that we are all unique. They will learn that Jesus' mother is Mary, and she mother of us all. They will understand that churches (and altars) are sacred and special places to worship. They will find out about the different places they belong.



**Science:** This Term we will be learning about germs, what they are and how we can help to stop them spreading at home, in school and within our community.



**French:** We are very lucky to have our French friend Camembear in class who can speak French. We will learn short greetings, numbers to 10, colours and days of the week. **Spanish:** We have Spanish every week with Mrs Blair.



**Art:** We are lucky to have Art every Tuesday with an art specialist.



P.E. is with our specialist, Mrs McMaster, and with Mrs Swanston every alternate Wednesday. We will learn a wide range of skills during P.E. We will use different equipment and develop balance and control, as well as our fine and gross motor skills. Please remember P.E will be outdoors.



**Music:** We will have Music alternate weeks the specialist teacher. Children will learn to use their voices expressively; sad, happy, high, low, quiet. We will learn to keep a steady beat by clapping and tapping feet.



**ICT:** Throughout the term we will have lots of opportunities to use ICT to enhance our learning experiences and skills. We will make daily use of the Smartboard, netbooks and laptops in class. Children will be encouraged to log into the tablets and laptops independently as the term goes on.



**Ethos & Life of the School:** We have created our own Class Charter looking at the rights of the child. It includes our school values which ensure we have a safe and happy learning environment. We will have a representative on the Junior Leadership Team where our views will be heard.

A gentle reminder to please ensure all of your child's belongings have their name labelled, including: school bags, lunch boxes, water bottles and all school clothes. **Thank you for your continued support.**

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