



St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School

Journeying Together in Faith



Y2 CLASS LETTER Autumn 2017

Welcome to the start of a brand new school year! I hope that you have all had a relaxing Summer holiday, enjoying the sunshine and are all ready for the exciting year ahead!

Things your child will be learning in the next few weeks

Over the next term, we are going to be reading a selection of poems and practicing performing them in front of the class. We will be looking at rhyming words, and the choice of the words poets use to create wonderful images in their work. We will be writing some of our own poems and beginning to edit our own work. Additionally we will be reading a story about The Beast – who is searching for something ... we will be finding out if he ever finds it.

After half term we will be reading a book based on the adventures of a heroic toy and discovering a particularly exciting event.

In Maths, our main focuses this term include number confidence. We will be revising number bonds, reading and writing number words, exploring number lines and 100 squares and looking at 10s and 1s. We will be working on place value and working with addition and subtraction. We will be doubling and halving and measurement money, length and weight problem solving (some shape). We will be focusing on the vocabulary of more/less/adding/subtracting/taking away/counting on/counting back.

In other areas of the curriculum, we will be learning about everyday materials, the 7 continents and oceans, the Great Fire of London.

In the wider curriculum, we will be focusing on developing core values of PEACE, RESPECT and MINDSET. We will be weaving these values throughout our learning and taking all opportunities to discuss how they can help us to learn.

In PE, we will be focussing on multi-skills – looking at how we can challenge ourselves to build on and improve our skills. Your child will need a PE kit in school every week.

In RE, we will be starting off by looking at New Beginnings. After that we will move on to Harvest and Judaism. After half term it will be Signs and Symbols and Advent.

Things you could explore at home to help your child's learning

Takeaway homework – This half term, homework will be the seven continents, exploring everyday materials and new beginnings. Information will follow.

Maths: Number bonds to 10 and 20 (as well as 10+90, 20+80 etc)

Spellings – Aside from our weekly spelling focuses (which we will send home each week), we will be focusing and exploring key vocabulary for year 2. Each week, we will focus on key words. Please encourage your children to actively use these words to try and learn them as part of their vocabulary.

Reading and library– Your child has already received a new reading book. Reading books need to be changed when the children have finished reading them, which will

	<p>be recorded in their diaries. We will help them to make appropriate selections. Please take every opportunity to read with and to your child.</p> <p>The School Library has got a lot of wonderful and exciting books to discover. There are loads of stories, non-fiction books and poetry books to choose from. We will have scheduled slots to visit the Library and your child will have the opportunity to browse and borrow two titles at a time.</p>
Things happening in school that you can get involved with	<p>Our Masses this term are on the following dates and will start at 10:00: 20.10.17 KS1 Mass</p> <p>Trips – Over the next term, we will be planning on going on a couple of trips related to our RE learning. More information will follow.</p>
Please take note of these points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PE kit needs to come in to school on Monday mornings. It will stay at school all week and then go home with your child on Friday.</i> This is because we don't always have PE lessons on the same day or time each week and try to do as much physical learning as we can. • Children will be doing some of their PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit for the weather (e.g. jogging bottoms, hat, sweatshirt, sturdy trainers etc...).
How you can get in contact with us	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please write a note in your child's school diary in the first instance. We will respond back either in the school diary or through a phone call to update you. Appointments to meet with teachers need to be made in this way. • The start and end of each school day are always very busy and it is not usually possible for teachers to meet with parents at these times without making an appointment. • If it is an urgent issue, please call the school office. • Alternatively, if your message isn't urgent please contact the school office via email or telephone (<i>details below</i>).
<p>If you have any questions or queries, then please don't hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Many thanks for your support</p>	
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