

Year 2 Autumn Term Topic letter

September 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 2!

We hope you have had a fantastic summer break!

This term our topic is 'St Mary's Church, Chadwell', which includes our local area and the history of the church. We are continuing with a creative curriculum where the subjects are integrated together to form 6 areas of learning. These are;

- Understanding English, Communications and Languages - We will be learning to improve our sentences by extending the use of adjectives, verbs, conjunctions and sentence starters. We will focus on non-chronological reports, narrative and recounts. Drama will feature highly in order to improve our speaking and listening skills.
In Spanish we will be learning the vocabulary for colours and weather linked to our work in Geography.
- Mathematical Understanding - We will continue to extend our knowledge on number work, looking at place value, addition and subtraction. We will also be looking at both 2D and 3D shapes.
- Social (History, Geography, PSHE) - In Geography we will be looking at our local area, including old and new maps, and our local environment. In History we will be covering the history of churches and stained-glass windows as well as linking this to William the Conqueror and 'The battle of Hastings' for the same period in time. We will also be visiting the church to learn about its history and use our experiences to develop our creative writing skills.
- Scientific (Science, DT, ICT) - We are learning to apply scientific knowledge and understanding by investigating different habitats, including those in our local area and Materials. In computing the children will be learning the purpose of IT and its uses in every day life. In D&T in the lead up to Christmas, the children will be working with textiles and learning stitching techniques to design, create and evaluate their own Christmas stocking to hang on their tree.
- Creative (Art, Music, Drama) - We will be exploring and using digital art in order to create alternative, developing our portrait skills and sketching William the Conqueror and developing our pattern and sculpting skills. Music will continue to build on the key elements of music as covered in Year 1.
- PE - We will be doing both indoor and outdoor PE improving our balancing, coordination and team work skills.

Children should have both their indoor and their outdoor kits and suitable outdoor trainers in school. You should remove your child's earrings. Other jewellery is not allowed in school so please check that your child leaves them at home.

Please check with your child's class Teacher for PE days!

- RE - We will be looking at places of worship, visiting and researching our local church in Chadwell-St- Mary, 'St Mary's Church' and linking this to children's own special places.

Reading in Year 2

Reading diaries will be checked daily in school and it is the expectation that your child reads daily at home for at least 10 minutes each day and then has it recorded in their reading diary.

Homework

Please use your child's Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) password to support them in learning their 1, 2, 5 and 10 times table facts weekly. We will be supporting this progression of times table facts in class.

General Reminders

The children will need their own water bottle to keep in class which they can have access to throughout the day.

Please ensure your child's name is clearly written on their water bottle.

Children may bring a piece of fruit for snack time. We do also have free fruit provided daily that your child can also choose from.

Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled, including PE kits and continue to check these throughout the year as often they do wash out or fall off.

Thank you for your support as we start the Year 2 journey with you and your child and we look forward to a great year ahead!

Year 2 Teaching team -
Miss Burton, Ms Marks and Miss Wallace