

Class 2 Newsletter

St Godric's RC Primary School, Thornley
Autumn Term 2024

Hello and welcome back to the new academic year! We are very much looking forward to getting busy learning and exploring our new topics in years 2, 3 and 4. We hope this newsletter provides you with the information you need and as always, please contact us if you need anything else, Class 2 Team!

Who are my teachers?

Mrs Sherrard will be teaching Year 3/4 every morning and Year 2/3/4 on Monday, Tuesday, Friday afternoons. Mrs Sherrard will be out of class on Wednesday/Thursday afternoons.

Mrs Walker will be teaching Year 2 every morning and Year 2/3/4 on Wednesday/Thursday afternoons.

Our Curriculum

English

Writing—Year 2 will be basing their writing on the story 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'. They will learn how to write 3 and 4 part stories. They will also be introduced to word class and expanded noun phrases.

Year 3/4 are basing their writing on 'Escape from Pompeii'. They will look at an escape story and write diary entries/ newspaper articles.

Our focus this half term will be on paragraphing and using a greater range of punctuation and vocabulary.

Spelling—Children are taught spellings in class with a weekly 'dictation' on a Friday. We will practise spelling of different sounds and common words for their year group in spelling lessons and independent practise. Year 2 will continue with Sounds-Write Phonics with Mrs Walker every morning.

Handwriting—There will be daily letter formation in Year 2 and in Year 3/4 children will learn how to join their writing. Some children may explore writing with a pen this term.

Maths

In Maths we follow a mastery curriculum, where children practise fluency, problem solving and reasoning skills each day. Everyday, children will complete 'fluent in 5' tasks to build up basic knowledge of number.

Times Tables—Year 2 will begin to learn their 2, 5, 10 times tables. Year 3/4 will practise daily times tables using 'speedies', which are speed table challenges. Children love trying to beat their scores each day!

Place Value—Year 2 will learn about numbers up to 100. Year 3 will learn about numbers to 1000 and year 4 numbers to 10'000.

All four operations — Year 2 will consolidate their understanding of numbers up to 20 and addition/ subtraction of 2 digit numbers. Year 3 will learn formal written methods for addition and subtraction (column methods) for numbers up to 1000. Year 4 will continue this for numbers up to 10'000. We will also begin to look at formal methods for multiplication and division.



Reading—We will participate in guided reading lessons, whole class reading within our English unit and quiz regularly on Accelerated Reader. Year 2 will read regularly 1:1 with an adult. Year 3/4 will have many opportunities for independent reading—so please have your book in daily!





R.E.



- Domestic Church—

Homes

- Sacramental Preparation—Promises
- Advent—Visitors
- Other Faiths—Judaism

We will continue with regular Liturgies and whole school/ class prayers. Some children will lead Liturgies and worship in class each week.

Science

Forces



Rocks and Materials



Children will investigate and work scientifically throughout these topics.

P.E.

Our PE sessions will now be on a Tuesday PM and Wednesday PM.

We will be outdoors whilst it is still warm, so please ensure your child has full P.E. kit on that day, including outdoor footwear such as trainers.

This term we will study netball, hockey, gymnastics and rugby.

History and Geography

This term in History we are studying the Stone Age—Iron Age.

In Geography we are studying Volcanoes and Earthquakes.



Computing—E-safety, Document Editing & Creation and 3D Design

Design Technology—Cooking and Nutrition—
Fruit Crumble

Art—Drawing

MFL (Spanish) - Family members, animals and colours.

PSHE—Ten Ten units—LKS2

Music—We have Mr. Robinson

supporting us with our music units this term.

We will be developing notation skills.

Violin—Mrs Sellers will be in school on Friday 20th September to deliver taster sessions for violin for Year 3 pupils.

Children already signed up will continue their lessons on Friday 13th September.

Reading at Home and Homework

To help your child progress further in reading, we send out a home reading book. We encourage parents to read with their child as much as possible and record when you have read with them in their reading record. Now that the children are getting older, we encourage independent reading of longer texts. Children can record when they have read at home and when they are finished their books, they can quiz on Accelerated Reader. This will assess how much of the text they have understood when reading independently. At times, some children may still bring a Sounds-Write scheme book to support their work in phonics/spelling lessons.



Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be returned on a Wednesday, the following week. Tasks will alternate between English and Maths and consolidate learning in the classroom. All homework activities will be fully explained in class and children who complete tasks will receive raffle tickets in the prize pot!

Important Dates—there are lots of wonderful things planned this term!

- September 20th— Violin taster session—Year 3/4.
- September 25th— Welcome Liturgy—for new starters (class 1 and 3).
- October 3rd—Cross-country competition
- October 9th — Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2-3pm.
- October 23th—Parents' evening.
- October 25th—PD day (school closed for pupils).
- November 15th—Children in Need (spotty theme).
- 18th-24th November—Parliament Week in school.
- November 27th—Wheatley Hill Mother's Club Christmas Concert
- November 29th—Class 2 visit Hancock Museum, Newcastle.
- December 12th—KS1 Nativity (Year 2 pupils).
- December 12th—Christmas Lunch
- December 16th—Santa Run
- December 18th—KS2 Carol Service (Year 3/4 pupils) 6pm
- December 19th—Class 2 and 3 Christmas party.
- December 20th—PJs and Christmas movie morning.

Contact us

Our door is always open! Please do get in touch if you need anything or would like to ask us something.
Telephone - 01429 820333
Email- office@stgodricsthornley.org
Or make an appointment with the school office.