

Year 2 Summer Newsletter: Miss Cotter

As always, our RE topics will be at the heart of our curriculum.

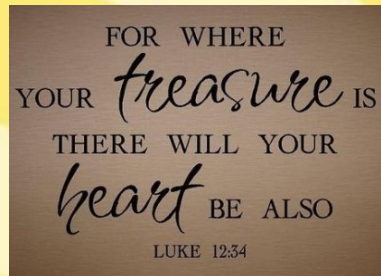
This term, our topics are: 'Spread the Word', 'Rules' and 'Treasures'. We will be learning about the story of Pentecost and how we are challenged to follow Jesus' rules and instructions. We will have chance to explore the many treasures in the world around us and to share what we are grateful for.

Our key questions this term are:

Why should we spread Good News?

Do we need rules?

Is the world a treasure?



What Is Your Super Power?

A warm welcome back to all Year 2 children and parents! I hope you had a wonderful Easter break. We had a fantastic Spring Term, full of adventures, laughter in learning and a thought-provoking liturgies; these activities allowed all the children to shine, making us all very proud. This term, we will continue to inspire creativity and passion by exploring the topic, 'Be The Hero Of Your Own Story: What Is Your Super Power?' This links perfectly to our yearly theme, which is to say 'I Will'. I am looking forward to the children being even braver and bolder in their final term.

In Maths, we will be challenged to think even harder by a range of superheroes. They will challenge us to measure, follow their directions and problem solve efficiently. We will of course be continuing to practise all four operations so we are ready for whatever challenges lie ahead!

Our English lessons will allow us to meet Eliot Jones (the midnight superhero) and Superworm. We will need to write instructions for superheroes and describe evil super villains. As always, we will be checking our spelling, punctuation and grammar to make sure our work is of the highest standard. There will be lots of reading in class to make sure we are developing our reading fluency and our understanding of new vocabulary.

Reading

Please continue to support your child in reading at home. Reading is the gateway to knowledge and will allow your child to research, investigate and learn about topics they are interested in! Just ten minutes of reading aloud a day will be a huge help.

Year 2 End of Key Stage Assessments

As you know, your children will have the opportunity to showcase all that they have learned in KS1 at the end of May. In line with our theme, we will be taking these tests as Super Secret Agents and the children know it is an opportunity to show off their super skills! Here are some ways in which you can support your child in the run up to the assessments...

- Check weekly homework newsletters for up-to-date information. The children will be set homework on Tuesday.
- Regularly revisit number facts with children. Practice totalling three dice, adding money, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, doubling and halving to 20. This will help them to feel more confident when solving trickier word problems. Mathletics and Times Tables Rocks Starts is also still available to all our children- let me know if you need the password again.
- Encourage your children to read at home and ask them questions about what characters say and do.
- Practising skills little and often can make a huge difference. Thank you as always for your support.



Key Dates For Your Diary!

W/C 20th May—KS1 National Assessments Week

Tuesday 21st May—KS1 Sports Day

Wednesday 22nd May—KS1 Disco

Half Term

YEAR 2 START SWIMMING THE FIRST WEDNESDAY AFTER HALF TERM.

Thursday 6th June—Year 2 Quad Competition at Glapton School

Friday 21st June—Year 2 Assembly

Thursday 27th June—Open Afternoon from 1:45pm

Thursday 18th July—Whole School Mass 9am

As the end of the school year approaches, it is a time for reflection and looking forward to the adventures ahead. It has been an honour to help your child to grow, mature and blossom since September. This final (and extremely busy) term will be a very exciting time for Year 2 and will give them a chance to share their learning progress. They will also experience their first sleepover at school and perform their final assembly as KS1 children. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch so we can discuss them further.

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Ways to help at Home!

PE: PE this term will be outside so please make sure your child has their full PE kit in school all week. Your child can bring in black jogging bottoms as well as their normal black shorts if the weather is cold. They can also bring in sports hoodies to wear over their white PE tops.

PE: Earrings: due to health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.

Reading: “So it is with children who learn to read fluently and well: they begin to take flight into whole new worlds as effortlessly as young birds take to the sky” William James. I love this quote from William James; it is very true that once children are able to read fluently, the task of reading becomes so much more enjoyable as they are not just concentrating on reading the words but can also begin to truly understand the story behind it. Fluency comes with practice so please read every evening with your child so that they will become more confident. Sign your child’s reading record in their diary so we can keep up-to-date with their successes at home.

Homework: Year 2 will be given homework on a Tuesday. Please check your child’s homework sheet each week for more information. Some of Year 2 have already taken home extra homework to complete for extra house points. If you would like extra homework for your child to complete, please let me know and I will send some home with them.

Spellings: Year 2 have their Spelling Quiz on Wednesday afternoons. Please remind your child to learn their spellings and to learn how to use the words accurately in sentences. Vocabulary knowledge is key to ensuring your child has strong reading comprehension and writing skills.

In Science, we will be exploring the topic of ‘Growing’ and ‘Materials’. We will investigate what plants need to grow and the most appropriate material for a superhero’s cape! Our Geography learning will focus on our local environment and will include a field trip around Clifton. In History, we will be learning how castles have changed over time and we will have chance to investigate the hero ‘Robin Hood’. Was he fact or fiction? We will follow Robin Hood into the forest of Glapton Woods for our Forest School lessons. This will help us to continue to develop our team work and collaboration skills. It will also enable us to develop our DT shelter-making skills. In Art, we will explore comic strips and Pop Art, with a focus on the artist Roy Lichtenstein. In PE we will be practising our super Athletic skills (ready for Sports Day!) and we will continue swimming the week after half term.

“Heroes are made by the path they choose, not the powers they are graced with.”

