



## Year 2 Pentecost Term



Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter holiday. I look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May** for May poling at 2pm and at church on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** for our May Service. Please remember the children will need to bring in flowers on this day.

### Literacy

We start the term reading *Toys in Space* by Mini Grey. Writing will include posters, diary entries, space logs, invitations and their own version of a fantasy world narrative. Our final text this year is *House Held Up By Trees* by Ted Kooser. Children will write factual descriptions, an advertisement, explanations and a factual report.

Our weekly grammar lessons will focus on tenses and then suffixes. We will have daily spelling practise where we will be revising letter patterns previously taught in preparation for the Year 2 spelling test. The children will also take two reading papers and a punctuation and grammar paper this half term as part of their Year 2 tests.

After that, our weekly grammar lessons will consolidate the learning from Year 2 ready for moving into year 3. Spellings will include suffixes

Please remember that the children have the opportunity to visit the school library every Friday afternoon so make sure books are returned in preparation for this each week. (Books were not sent home for the Easter holidays.)

### RE

We start the term with our other faiths week. The children will be learning about Sikhism and about family life and prayer. We then move onto the topic Messages and understand the important role the disciples played and how they were changed by the power of the Holy Spirit

### Maths

This half term begins with the completion of our unit on Time. After this, we will consolidate our learning from Year 2 before taking an arithmetic and a reasoning paper as part of our Year 2 tests. Our final topics in Year 2 will be Measures, where the children will learn about mass, capacity and temperature and finally position and direction.

## Science

Our topic on plants is coming to an end soon. We are going to plan and set up one more investigation looking at the effect of temperature on seeds and bulbs, before completing our end of topic test. We will then start our final topic on Habitats. This links to our school trip when the children will look at habitats including taking part in pond dipping. This will take place on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025** and we will be going to Rosliston Forestry Centre.

## ICT

Our new unit will involve the children writing and following simple algorithms. They will use directional language such as forwards, backwards, left, right, half turn, quarter turn, clockwise and anti-clockwise. This will then lead into using Scratch.

## History

After half term we will find out about transport past and present with a focus on planes, trains and cars. We will find out about significant individuals such as Amelia Earhart, the Wright brothers and George Stephenson. Remember to share the key learning sheet with your child on a regular basis.

## Art/DT

We have two topics this term. The first is a painting unit and we will focus on *The River Seine* at La Grand Jatte by *Georges Seurat*. The second is a design and technology unit which will see the children making a simple glove puppet.

## PE

Target and invasion games will be the focus for the first half term. This will be followed by athletics and striking and fielding games after half term.

Please ensure all long hair is tied back on PE days and earrings are removed. PE days continue to be Monday and Friday. Remember children no longer need to wear grey joggers on a PE day and should come dressed in their summer uniform instead.

Dates this half term include **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June** KS1 Sports Day and **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** Year 2 Celebration of the Word in the school hall at 9.15am.

For any questions or concerns please contact me via the school office or Class Dojo.

Mrs Currie