



## Year 2 Pentecost 1



Welcome back everyone, I hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter holiday.

### 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 spelling from past papers in preparation for the Year 2 spelling test.

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

As with the rest of the school, year 2 will be completing internal tests in Grammar and spelling reading and maths (arithmetic and reasoning).

Please remember that the children will 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 the topic "To the Ends of the Earth" learning about the important work the Disciples played and how they were changed by the power of the Holy Spirit leading up to Pentecost. We then move on to our other faith week. The children will be learning about Sikhism and about family life and prayer.

### Maths

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

### Science

We will start this term with 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 after half term on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 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 Siene at La Grande Jatte by George 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 Thursday and Friday. Remember children no longer need to wear grey joggers on PE days and should come dressed in their summer uniform instead.

Dates this half term include **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** - May service at Church (pupils will need to bring flowers for this) and Maypole Dancing in the afternoon. Times TBC - Do check the school bulletin for updates.

For any questions or concerns, please contact me via the school office or at the start/end of the day.

Many thanks and kind regards,  
Mrs O'Brien