



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

## Year 2

### Spring Term 1

#### English

In Year 2 this half term, children will develop their phonics knowledge and take part in guided reading using a variety of texts to build fluency, retrieval and inferencing skills. In writing, they will study the poem 'If I Were in Charge of the World' and a story based on 'The Lighthouse keeps lunch.'

#### Maths

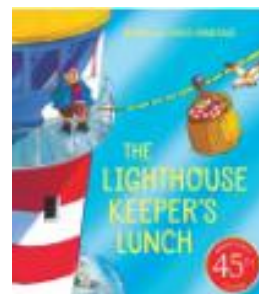
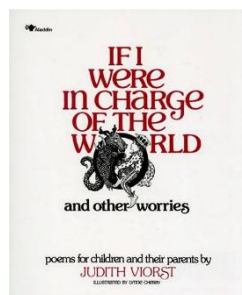
In maths this half-term, Year 2 will be consolidating their four operations knowledge and developing their understanding of Shape, Money and Measurement. The children will apply their fluency knowledge to solve problem-solving and reasoning style questions.

#### Science

In Year 2 Science, children will explore everyday materials and their properties. They will investigate why certain materials are used for specific purposes, compare different materials, and carry out simple experiments to test their suitability, such as which materials are waterproof, flexible, or strong. Children will record their observations and use their findings to answer questions about the world around them.

#### RE

In RE this half-term, the children will learn all about the importance of books. The children will explore the different components of the Bible including the New and Old Testament, explore scripture and learn about how we can link this to our own lives.



#### Geography

In Geography this half-term, Year 2 will be developing their map skills and locational knowledge by learning more about their locality and comparing their local region to other regions across the globe. The children will use maps and atlases to support their understanding.

#### Music

In Year 2 Music, children will learn the song 'I Wanna Play in a Band' from Zootime. They will explore rhythm and pulse, practise singing together, and experiment with instruments as they perform and compose simple musical parts.

#### Art

In Year 2 Art, children explore sculpture by designing and creating castles using clay. They learn how castles are structured by looking at key features such as towers, walls, gates, and battlements. Children experiment with shaping, joining, and adding texture to clay, developing their understanding of form and stability. Inspired by real and imaginary castles, they create their own expressive clay sculptures, focusing on shape, detail, and surface texture.

#### PSHE

In PSHE, we will be exploring how to have safe and healthy relationships and understand feelings and emotions. We will identify ways to value differences.

#### PE

In Year 2 PE, children will take part in athletics circuits with Miss Barnes, focusing on running, jumping and throwing skills. On Fridays, they will practise skipping, developing coordination, rhythm and stamina.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and a Happy New Year. We have lots of lovely activities and learning planned in for this half term and I'm sure the children can't wait to join in the fun.

Children will be taught by Miss Lamb on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and our New Deputy Head Teacher, Miss Thomas, on a Thursday and a Friday.

## **Key information**

Homework – Homework will be sent home on Friday, please bring this back by the following Wednesday.

Shared reading books will be changed weekly. Please record any reading in the reading record diary. We will change the book when your child is fluent in the story.

Your child should have a reading bag book (Phonics) and a RWI book that they receive on Friday and changed the following Friday.

Children should have a book bag to carry letters, homework, reading book and their reading record. This is to come to school every day. Please avoid bringing backpacks as we have limited room in the classroom and cloakroom.

Please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school at all times. Please label school clothing too.

P.E. will be on a Monday and Friday.

P.E kits –Your child will come to school in PE kit on PE days.

The school PE kit should include: a blue t-shirt, blue or black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers. No jewellery to be worn during P.E. lessons.

Each day your child is expected to do the following at home:

«15 minutes reading

«15 minutes learning on lexia

I am available after school if you wish to discuss any issues or concerns.

If you wish to arrange an appointment, please contact the school office.

I look forward to having a great first term with all Year 2 children.

Thank you for your continued co-operation and support

Miss Lamb and Miss Thomas