

Year 2 Newsletter

Dear parents / Guardians,

Thank you

First of all, Mrs McNamara and Mrs Johnson would like to thank all of you who donated money to our Christmas CAFOD fund. In our class alone, we raised **£23:15**. This will enable us to pay for some chickens for a family living in poverty.



Welcome!

This half term we welcome and are fortunate enough to have a teaching student working in our class. Her name is Miss Atwall. The children have met her on a number of occasions already.

Class Liturgy

Our class liturgy will be on **Friday 30th** Hall at **10:15am**. All family members welcome.



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Outdoor PE Clothes

Most children now have suitable outdoor PE clothes in school. This includes a warm jumper and tracksuit bottoms / leggings. If your child still does not have any outdoor PE clothes, please could you send them with something suitable to wear. Thank you.



Topic

The topic for this half term is '**Where I Live**'. It is all about our local area. As part of our Literacy and Topic units we now have a visit booked to Chaddesden library. We will be walking to the library this week on **Wednesday 21st January**. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school in sensible walking shoes that day and is wearing a waterproof coat. If it is a rainy day it would be useful to send welly boots for the walk as well as school shoes for the classroom.

Literacy

This half term the children will experience being real authors and illustrators. They will be creating their very own books from start to finish. It will involve them composing and writing their own story, producing the illustrations and designing the front and back covers of the book.

The children are already very excited about this project. Family and friends will be invited to a book launch early next half term. We will inform you of the date as soon as possible.



Maths

The children will be focussing on a variety of areas in maths, some of which are listed below:

- Recognising odd and even numbers.
- Counting in tens, fives and twos and multiplication facts for the two, five and ten times tables.
- Splitting numbers up into tens and units and knowing what each digit stands for in a 2 or 3-digit number.
- Mentally adding or subtracting 1-digit numbers or multiples of 10 from a 2-digit number.
- Name and describe the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes.
- Create a symmetrical pattern.
- Recognising number bonds to 10 and 20.



Science



This half term we will be working on 'Sound and Hearing'. This links into our main theme of 'Where I live'. We will be listening carefully to a range of sounds in our local area. The children will have fun investigating high and low sounds. We will make observations or measurements

relating to sounds and present findings in charts. They will also learn a little bit about the ear.

ICT

We will be focussing on the Information around us during our ICT lessons. We will discuss how information exists in a variety of forms and how ICT can be used to communicate information. The children will begin by exploring the information in our



local area such as signs, road signs, sounds, posters and adverts. The children will experience using the internet, digital cameras, podcasting and videoing in order to collect or communicate information. The children will be using our digi-blue hand-held video/camera recorders during our walks around the local area.

RE

The RE for this half term is based around 'Journeys'. The children will reflect on the journeys they make for different reasons and will relate this to the journey that the parish family make to church on Sundays. They will learn about how the Holy Family journeyed to the temple. During the last couple of weeks of the half term, the children's learning will focus more on 'Communion' in the sense of being together and sharing time and experiences at home and at school. They will relate this to the parish family gathering together to celebrate with Jesus during mass.

Thank you all for the vital contributions you continue to provide at home in supporting your child's education with listening to your child read and supporting them with the learning log homework.

Mrs Johnson and Mrs McNamara

