



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy



Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2

We hope that you have had a lovely Summer. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Our Curriculum:

Mathematics:

At the beginning of term we will be looking at place value and number looking at the amount of tens and ones in different numbers and moving onto addition and subtraction during the term. We will be counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards from different numbers.

English

At the beginning of the term we will be looking at postcards and letters followed by stories with familiar settings, so you may wish to use your local library to find books where the story is set in places like the park, school, the seaside or the vets for example. We will start the year by discussing and writing about our summer holidays.

Science

We will be starting the year learning all about materials and their properties. We will then be moving on to learn about 'Animals including Humans.' This will involve the children finding out about the life-cycles of a variety of different animals in a fun and practical way.

Computing

We will be finding out about the workings of a computer and will learn about the uses of technology outside of school. We will also find out about 'algorithms' and how they are implemented as programs on digital devices.

RE

We will be studying the Bible, Non-Christian special books and Good News Bringers. If you have a Bible at home please could you talk about your favourite Bible stories and look at the Bible together.

Topic

Our first topic will be 'Where in the world have you been?' This includes looking at human and physical features of different places, discussing how places have changed over time and developing our mapping skills.

Music

This half term we will be looking at long and short sounds/feel the pulse and the beat.

Our Learning Challenges:

Can I use basic geographical vocabulary?

Can I use aerial maps to identify and describe human and physical features?

Can I write a brochure page or a postcard?

Who was Guy Fawkes?

Recommended Websites

www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/

Twitter Accounts to follow

St_Wilfrids_CE

@StWilfridsMusic

@StWilfridsSport

Home Learning:

Reading

In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three entries/comments a week. This is an ideal opportunity to question your child on their understanding of the text, to improve their comprehension skills and vocabulary.

Spellings. A spelling list will be given to children every Monday. Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

English Homework. A piece of English homework will be given out every Monday and should be returned to school by the following Monday. This may be handed in before then.

Maths Homework. A piece of Maths homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned to school by the following Friday.

Topic Homework: Children may also be given other types of homework during the course of the year.

A message from the PTFA...

The PTFA would like to thank you for your continuous support and commitment. Last year was another successful year for the PTFA, with a wide range of events raising money to purchase new resources and support school themed events and Dance Festival, which all impact on the children's education. We would welcome any suggestions for future fundraising events.



Autumn Term 2017 Diary Dates:

w/c Monday 11th September
Monday 18th September
Friday 22nd September

Thursday 5th October
Tuesday 10th October
Friday 13th October
Monday 16th October

Tuesday 17th October
Thursday 19th October

Monday 30th October
w/c Monday 13th November
Friday 1st December
Thursday 7th December
TBC
Friday 8th December
Tuesday 19th December
Wednesday 20th December

Life Education Workshops for all classes
PTFA AGM 6.30pm
Harvest Festival
9.30am KS2 and 10.30am KS1
Parents' Evening 6.00—8.00pm
Parents' Evening 3.30—5.30pm
PTFA Family Night
Pearl of Africa Gospel Choir to perform to School (Fundraising Event)
School Photographs (Individual and Families)
School closes for Half Term

School reopens for Autumn Term 2
UK Parliament Week—Themed Week on British Values
Christmas Fair at 3.30pm (Non-Uniform Day)
Christingle Service at Church
PTFA Story Time with Santa
Christmas Disco for Y3, 4 and 5 children
Carol Service at Church KS1 9.30am and KS2 10.30am
School closes for Christmas



Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat

Additional Information:

Playground Equipment and Games: Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment (including the KS1 bridge) or bring in balls to play with before and after school. Also children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for Health and Safety reasons.

PE: PE lessons will take place on Wednesday and Friday. Children will be expected to wear PE kit, consisting of a sky blue T-shirt, navy or black shorts and a pair of black pumps. These should be kept in a draw string bag. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit on their PE days.

Swimming: During the Spring and Summer Terms, Year 2 will have swimming lessons on a Friday as part of the PE Curriculum. Children will be expected to bring a towel, swimwear (costume or trunks/shorts), goggles (optional) and a swimming cap (long hair only). These should be kept in a drawstring bag and all items should be labelled.

Extra Curricular Activities: During the year there will be a wide range of extra curricular activities for your child to attend. Letters will be sent out in the next couple of weeks with information about how you can access these clubs.

Reminders:

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's attendance. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please notify the office staff. School doors open at 8.50am. Registration commences at 8.55am and closes at 9.00am. Children arriving after 9.00am must report to the office before arriving at their classroom. Attendance certificates will be awarded for children with 100% attendance during the Autumn Term.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct academy uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g. sky blue, navy, grey or black.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink **water** during the day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a water bottle (preferably clear) with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school.

Snacks: Children may bring in a snack of either **toast** or a **piece of fruit** for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal or fruit bars **are not permitted** at playtime.

Jewellery: For Health and Safety reasons, children **are not permitted** to wear any jewellery, including earrings.



Thank you for your support. We look forward to an exciting year!
Year 2 Team:

Mrs Crawford, Miss Davies, Mrs Hope and Mrs Kohler
PE Specialist Mr Willock

Mrs Batarbee, Mrs Bolton and Mrs Cain