



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'
Philippians 4:13



Spring Term 2023 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very warm welcome to Year 2!

Year 2 Team: Miss Bradburn, Mrs Crawford, Mrs Kohler, Mrs Edgar, Mrs Raof
KS1 Phase Leader: Mrs Kohler

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: We will be adding and subtracting numbers and continuing to work on our understanding of multiplication and division. We will also be learning about shape, position and direction, capacity and volume. We will continue to develop our reasoning and problem-solving skills to deepen our knowledge and understanding.

English: This term we are reading our focus text, 'The Boy who biked the World' by Alastair Humphreys, exploring different aspects of the boy's journey and writing our own diary extracts. We will read fantasy stories about dragons and non-fiction books about travel and transport, which link with our topic work. We will develop our reading and comprehension skills, using both fiction and non-fiction texts, and develop our handwriting and spelling. It is important that the children write using correct letter formation as soon as possible. Some of us will start joining our letters.

Religious Education: Our first topic is 'Jesus, friend to everyone', where we will explore the New Testament and learn more about the people Jesus helped.

Science: We are studying plants and seeds, looking at the inside of seeds and bulbs and describing how they grow into mature plants. The children will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow.

Computing: We will be looking at technology and how the internet is used for communication. We will also be creating and representing data in different ways.

Topic: (History and Geography): Our focus theme this term is 'All Aboard'. We will be studying 'Travel and Transport', looking at different types of transportation, including space travel.

Music: The children will have music with our Specialist Music Teacher, Mrs Goulding. We will be learning about different sounds and learning to play the recorder.

Physical Education: This term the children be taking part in Indoor Athletics and gymnastics.

Art and Design: We will learn how to mix primary and secondary colours, tints and tones. We will use these skills to draw and paint dragons and study the artist Paulo Uccello.

Design and Technology: Linking to our 'All Aboard' theme, we will explore, design and make moving vehicles.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): Year 2 will be learning about relationships, staying safe and managing our feelings and emotions.

Spring Term Focus Theme: 'All Aboard!'

Focus Reading Text: The boy who biked the world by Alastair Humphreys.

Recommended Websites:

www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/

English—www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1

Maths - www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games maths frame

Computing— www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr

Purple Mash can also be accessed via the school website for a variety of resources and activities.

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

Home Learning: All home learning is now set via Purple Mash. Please make sure that your child checks their 2do icon in Purple Mash for information about home learning.

Spellings: Children will be given a spelling list every Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents/Carers are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure.

We ask parents/carers to sign and date reading records every time you hear your child read (we expect a minimum of **four** 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.

Reading records must be brought into school on your child's allocated day, for teachers to monitor.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high-quality texts in class, including 'Reading for Pleasure' books, and 'Related Reads', which are linked to their focus theme.

Please also visit our website to view our 'Reading Round-Up', 'Author of the Month', 'Reading Challenges', 'Reading Wall of Fame', 'Reading Rabbits' and 'Patron of Reading'.

Anything that you would like to share and celebrate with school, regarding reading, can be emailed to reading@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Maths: Children in Year 1 to 6 have got access to **TT Rockstars**, a maths programme focusing on multiplication tables [link](#).

Please encourage your child to this online programme on a regular basis. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk

Spring Term 2023 Diary Dates:



Wednesday 4th January	School opens for Spring Term 1
Thursday 5th January	Non-Uniform Day for Leigh & Smalley House Point Winners in Year 3 and 5
Friday 6th January	Non-Uniform Day for Leigh & Smalley House Point Winners (Y1, 2, 4 & 6)
Friday 27th January	Non-Uniform Day for January birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 26 th Jan)
Friday 17th February	Non-Uniform Day for February birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 16 th Feb)
Friday 17th February	School closes for Half Term
Monday 27th February	School reopens for Spring Term 2
Thursday 16th March	Parents' Evening 6 – 8pm
Friday 17th March	Mothers' Day Services at Church (9.30am Rec. & KS1, 10.30am KS2)
Tuesday 21st March	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Friday 24th March	Non-Uniform Day for Easter Bingo (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 23 rd March)
Friday 31st March	Palm Praise Services at Church (9.30am Rec. & KS1, 10.30am KS2)
Friday 31st March	Non-Uniform Day for March birthdays (Year 3 & 5 on Thursday 30 th March)
Friday 31st March	School closes for Easter holiday

Spring Term 2023 Worship Themes:

w/c 2.1.23	Epiphany
w/c 9.1.23	Joy
w/c 16.1.23	Christian Unity
w/c 23.1.23	Baptism
w/c 30.1.23	Candlemas – Presentation of Christ in the Temple
w/c 6.2.23	Trust
w/c 13.2.23	Forgiveness
w/c 27.2.23	St. David's Day
w/c 6.3.23	Fair
w/c 13.3.23	Mothering Sunday
w/c 20.3.23	Preparation – How we prepare ourselves
w/c 27.3.23	Palm Praise

Additional Information:

Playground Equipment and Games: Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment or bring in balls to play with before or after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons. Children must not enter the school car park or climb on the blue railings.

PE Uniform: PE lessons will take place on **Monday**. Swimming lessons will take place on **Thursday**. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper, cardigan or hoody, and navy/black shorts, or navy/black leggings, or navy/black joggers, and a pair of dark-coloured trainers (no bright colours please). Children are also encouraged to bring a rainproof jacket for outdoor use in inclement weather.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for permit-holders only between 7am and 4.30pm.

Pets: Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's education. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school 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 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. Long hair should be tied back.

Earrings: Children are not permitted to wear earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink water during the school 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. Please be aware that there are children in school with nut allergies. Therefore, can you please ensure that your child does not bring any items containing nuts into school as part of their packed lunch or snack. Please note that this may include some cereal bars.

Birthday Celebrations: We will continue to invite children to wear non-uniform on the last Friday of the month of their birthday. Children will not be required to bring in a party snack.

Medication: If your child requires medication such as inhalers, please ensure that you child's class teacher is provided with medication that is within its expiry date and is clearly labelled. You will be required to complete a medical form from the school office.