



St Maxentius C.E. Primary School

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Welcome to Year 2! Please take a look at our curriculum newsletter to see what we will be learning about this Autumn term, and more importantly how you can support your child.

English

This term the children's work will focus on writing a description, instructions and a story. We will have an emphasis on using lots of adjectives in the Autumn term. We will be looking for the correct use of punctuation in the children's work and ensuring they are writing full sentences. It is so important to have these strong foundations of writing so that we can develop the children's flair and creativity in their work. We're learning all about expanded noun phrases, so why not create exciting sentences at home using adjectives to describe nouns? E.g 'A glistening, yellow star' - why not see how creative you can get with your vocabulary! Year 2 will also begin to use subordination (because) and coordination (and, but, or) within their writing.

Reading

Together we will be sharing the texts *Above and Below* and *Fantastic Mr Fox*. Children will be developing their retrieval and prediction skills in class. Home school reading books will be changed weekly, please ensure they are in school every day. It's important that you listen to your child as often as possible, preferably daily. It's also great to ask questions as they read, 'Why do you think that happened?', 'What has happened in the story so far?', questions that ensure the child is understanding what they have read.

Maths

During Maths lessons the children will be focusing on numbers to 100 with lots of work on place value, addition and subtraction, money, and multiplication and division (2s, 5s & 10s). Here are some great links to support your child with maths at home: [Hit the Button](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button) (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>)
TT Rockstars (<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>) (logins are inside the children's home reading diary).

R.E

Over the Autumn term we will be covering two units - *Who is a Muslim?* and *Why does Christmas matter to Christians?* During these units children will be exploring the religion, its impact on people and make connections to their own way of life.

Learning in other subjects:

In History we will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. We will compare life then to now and look at the impact it has had. <https://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/> Here is a link to a game for children to continue their learning at home.

In Art we will be discovering spirals. We will build an understanding about the way they can make marks on a drawing surface. They explore how the way they hold a drawing tool, and move their bodies, will affect the drawings they make.

In Science we will be learning about animals including humans. We will be building on learning from Year 1 to look at offspring and life cycles of different animals. We will also look at how humans keep healthy and the importance of eating the right foods.

In computing we will be learning about how to identify a computer's different parts and talk about the role computers play in our society.

In Music children will be learning new songs to sing and learning some notes to accompany a song. They will be looking at how to keep in time with the music.

Mr Cayton will continue to teach PE this term developing the children's agility when moving in different directions.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Clarkson