

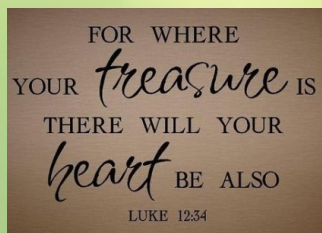
## Year 2 Summer Newsletter: Miss Padhiar

As always, our **RE** topics will be at the heart of our curriculum.

This term, our topics are: 'Spread the Word', 'Rules' and 'Treasures'. We will be learning about the story of Pentecost and how we are challenged to follow Jesus' rules and instructions. We will have the chance to explore the many treasures in the world around us and to share what we are grateful for. We will also be learning about Hinduism as part of our 'Other Faiths' topic.

Our key questions this term are:

- Why should we spread Good News?
- Do we need rules?
- Is the world a treasure?



### Year 2 End of Key Stage Assessments

As you know, your children will have the opportunity to showcase all that they have learned in KS1 at the end of May. We will be taking these tests as Super Secret Agents and the children know it is an opportunity to show off their learning! Here are some ways in which you can support your child in the run up to the assessments...

- Check weekly homework newsletters for up-to-date information. The children will be set homework every Friday.

- Regularly revisit number facts with children. Practice totalling three dice, adding money, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, doubling and halving to 20. This will help them to feel more confident when solving trickier word problems. Children also have their maths passports to support with this. Mathletics and Times Tables Rocks Stars is also still available to all our children- let me know if you need the password again.

Encourage your children to read at home and ask them questions about what characters say and do.

Practising skills little and often can make a huge difference. Thank you as always for your support.

## Bloom and Blossom

### How will you grow this term?

A warm **welcome back** to all Year 2 children and parents! I hope you had a wonderful Easter break. This term, we will continue to '*Stand Firm in our Faith*' and flourish by exploring the topic, 'Bloom and Blossom: How will you grow this term?' I am looking forward to the children being even more brave and bold in their final term.

In **Maths**, we will be challenged to broaden our knowledge further. Children will learn about multiplication and division, measures, telling the time and problem solving efficiently. We will of course be continuing to practise all four operations so we are ready for whatever challenges lie ahead!

Our **English** lessons will allow us to meet trolls and dinosaurs! We will be writing diary entries from the characters' perspective and persuasive letters, linking to our Come and See 'Treasures' topic. As always, we will be checking our spelling, punctuation and grammar to make sure our work is of the highest standard. There will be lots of reading in class to make sure we are developing our reading fluency and our understanding of new vocabulary.

### Reading

Please continue to support your child in reading at home. Reading is the gateway to knowledge and will allow your child to research, investigate and learn about topics they are interested in! Just ten minutes of reading aloud a day will be a



### Key Dates For Your Diary!

Bank Holiday: 01/05/23 and  
08/05/23

KS1 Sports Day: 17/05/23 *2pm*

Ascension Day Mass: 18/05/23  
*9.30am*

KS1 National Assessments  
Week: 22/05/23 - 26/05/23

KS1 Disco: 24/05/23 *3.30pm-  
4.30pm*

INSET Day: 26/05/23

Half Term: 29/05/23-02/06/23

Class Photos: 05/06/23

Swimming: 06/06/23-12/07/23

Class Mass: 09/06/23 *9am*

Open Afternoon: 21/06/23

End of Year Mass: 24/07/23

Last Day of Term: 25/07/23

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch so we can discuss them further.

**Miss Padhiar**

### Ways to help at Home!

PE: PE this term will be inside; please make sure your child has their full PE kit in school all week. Earrings: due to health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed before all PE sessions. Please remove them before school if your child is not able to do this independently.

Swimming: Year 2 will be starting swimming lessons in June, more information will follow nearer the time.

Reading: “So it is with children who learn to read fluently and well: they begin to take flight into whole new worlds as effortlessly as young birds take to the sky” William James. I love this quote from William James; it is very true that once children are able to read fluently, the task of reading becomes so much more enjoyable as they are not just concentrating on reading the words but can also begin to truly understand the story behind it. Fluency comes with practice so please read every evening with your child so that they will become more confident. Sign your child’s reading record in their diary so we can keep up-to-date with their successes at home.

Homework: Year 2 will be given homework on a Friday. Please check your child’s homework sheet each week for more information. Some of Year 2 have already taken home extra homework to complete for extra house points. If you would like extra homework for your child to complete, please let me know and I will send some home with them.

Spellings: Year 2 have their Spelling Quiz on Thursdays. Please remind your child to learn their spellings and to learn how to use the words accurately in sentences. Vocabulary knowledge is key to ensuring your child has strong reading comprehension and writing skills.

In **Science**, we will be exploring the topic of ‘Living Things and their Habitats’ and ‘Plants’. We will identify and classify living things before investigating how their habitats help them survive. We will plant flowers and seeds and watch them grow, observing what they need to bloom.

Our **Geography** learning will take us to India as we learn about the tropical climate and monsoons. We will compare this to the weather we have experienced in the UK.

In **DT** we will learn about food and nutrition and taste a variety of vegetables before developing our cooking skills and making a vegetable curry.

In **Art**, we will explore Rangoli patterns and the importance of colour and symmetry in these patterns. Children will create their own Rangoli pattern using a variety of materials.

In **History**, we will use our enquiry skills to find out about seaside holidays and how they have changed over the last 100 years. We will compare our holidays now with holidays many years ago and recognize disadvantages.

In **PE** we will be practising our Gymnastics with Ms Bathgate, and we will start swimming lessons after half term (see key dates).

In **Computing**, we will be creating stop motion animations and programming Lego projects, with Mrs Chahal.