

YEAR 2'S HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 1

We want to extend a very warm welcome to all our children and families in Year 2! We are looking forward to getting to know you all better and to working alongside you. We know that this year still feels a little bit different but I can assure you we will have a very busy, exciting and productive year. We hope that all the children will enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 2 has to offer!

Please remember that our door is always open. If you have any questions or want a general chat about your child's learning that we will be very happy to speak with you. We are available most evenings after school so please see the office if you wish to book an appointment or a chat over the phone. It is our priority to ensure that all pupils settle well into their new school year and make the progress we know they are capable of.

We will hold our annual Meet the Teacher meeting on: Monday 20th September 2021 at 3:30pm, in the school hall. Y2 pupils will wait in the Y1 or Y2 classroom until the meeting is over. Please do come along to this meeting if possible, as we will give out plenty of important information about the year ahead whilst also giving parents an opportunity to ask questions.

We will use your child's Learning Journal as a source of communication from time to time so please aim to check these frequently. Parents are free to write a message to teachers in their child's Learning Journal, but please bear in mind that these are not checked every day, so do prompt your child to bring it to the teacher when they get into class.

The Year Two Curriculum

There is plenty of information on our school website about the curriculum, including knowledge organisers year group specific curriculum maps and home learning resources, so please head over to find out about all of the Year Two Curriculum. You will find this information under 'Children' and then 'Class Pages'.

Home Learning

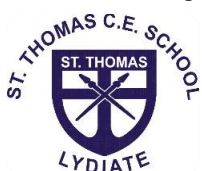
In Year Two, we continue to prioritise reading. We ask that the children read as much as possible at home and as a whole school we ask that everyone reads at home at least 5 times every week so that they can be entered into our fortnightly book draw/ reading incentive.

The children will have lots of opportunities to read and enjoy books throughout the week at school too. We will only change the reading books when we are confident the children have understood the texts fully and when we read with them. This will usually be once a week but the children will bring 2 books home per week.

Children will be provided with a banded home reading book selected from the class library. We encourage pupils to read these books at home, but to also feel free to read any other book they may enjoy – this could include books from home, a library or even magazines and newspapers. All reading is good reading! All children need to bring their reading packs to school each day. Please record in the journal each time your child reads.

Throughout the year we will be focussing on developing the children's level of comprehension. They will be learning to find answers from the text itself. We will also be encouraging the children to give opinions about what they read and to consider any hidden messages from the author.

Pupils will also continue to be encouraged to access Times Table Rockstars and take part in numerous battles throughout the course of the year. A strong times table knowledge builds an excellent foundation for mathematical understanding, so please do encourage your child to access TT Rockstars daily.



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Spellings will be sent home at the beginning of each term (see attached sheet – these are also saved on the class webpage). We encourage pupils to practise these spellings as frequently as possible at home. The children will be tested on spellings weekly, on a Friday, starting from 17th September. We will use the first couple of weeks to assess the children's spellings of the high frequency words and the Year 1 Common Exception Words too. We will then start learning some of the Year 2 Common Exception words.

Seesaw

Seesaw will continue to be used by class teachers and your login details should stay the same. If you have any problems logging in, please let us know and we can send the details home. Seesaw may be used to send announcements, any extra home learning or even to showcase excellent work, but please note that the message function will not be in use. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please make an appointment to do so at the school office. Miss Barton will continue to use the Seesaw messaging function to liaise with parents about music lessons.

PE

Please ensure that pupils bring their PE kit into school at the start of each half term. PE will take place on Tuesday afternoons this term. Please send the children's named PE kits to school before next Tuesday. If the weather is cold then the children can also wear or bring navy blue jogging trousers in to wear. To ensure pupils always have a PE kit in school, we will not send kits home until the end of a half term (unless they have gotten particularly dirty). If your child takes part in a sporting club, please can they bring their own games kit into school each week.

Trips

Information about trips will be shared at the Meet the Teacher meeting with more information to be sent home shortly after.

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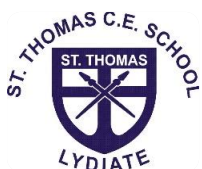


In Year Two this year we will be supported by Miss Barton, she will teach in our class every Thursday morning this term. She has previously taught the children throughout Year One and knows everyone well.

We very much look forward to the year ahead and thank you in advance for your support this year.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any point this year.

Kind regards, Mrs Cowen and Mrs Edwards



Please see overleaf for an overview about what we will be learning this half term.

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Year 2 Curriculum Map

During the Autumn 1 term, we will be learning about:

Maths In Maths we will be learning about numbers and their place value up to 100. We will learn more about addition & subtraction strategies then move onto learning about multiplication & division of 2,5 & 10. We will regularly practise counting and our mental maths and arithmetic skills too. Please continue with Times Table Rock Stars at home too.	English In English we will be reading a number of quality texts and practising our oral storytelling as well as performing drama and developing our story writing skills too. We will practise cursive handwriting daily. We will check that we are forming our letters correctly. We will read lots of books as a class and will start our daily reading with the classic, 'Flat Stanley'.	RE In RE we will look at the Christian special book, the Bible. We will think about the writers of this book and the messages they convey. We will learn about the new and old testaments and how the Bible is used in churches and by Christians today and the impact it has. We will consider what makes it special and find out about the 'BIG story' of salvation as told in the Bible.
PHSE 'Don't forget to let love in' We will aim to grow in self compassion this term. The ability to receive love in our lives defines us. Our hearts are made strong because of it. We will discuss how although it can be a challenge to receive it, love never fails.	Geography In Geography we will further develop our map making skills and draw accurate representations of the local area through our topic 'Spatial Sense'.	Science This half term we will learn about the human body. We will learn about the importance of water, food and air for survival. We will also learn about muscles, circulation, digestion and the skeletal system.
PE: Dodging In PE lessons we will be learning about locomotion and jumping. We will practise different types of jumps and use them in sequences and within games too.	Art In Art we will learn about primary and secondary colours. We will practise mixing colours and learn about tints and shades. We will also look at the work of some famous artists.	DT This will be delivered by specialist DT teacher Mrs O'Donnell at set dates during the school year.
History N/A this half term	MFL N/A this half term	Computing We will have whole days set aside during the school year for Computing.

Year 2 Home Learning Menu

Science: The Human Body



Get Creative

Do you know any songs about the human body that you could practise and perform? Can you listen to some children's songs about the human body? Can you create a dance to help you learn the words and can you challenge yourself to compose and perform an extra verse?



Can you create a model stethoscope and use it to listen to your heart and those of your family?

Oh, the places you'll go!

Eureka Museum Halifax

If you're able to perhaps you could visit the Eureka Museum for a chance to Explore the human body!

Eureka! has six unique zones to discover, each filled with hundreds of interactive exhibits designed to inspire enquiring minds to find out about themselves and the world around them. If you can't visit Eureka? There are plenty of ideas, activities, songs, stories, and stuff to make you smile which are available online.

<https://www.eureka.org.uk/eureka-at-home/>

Time to Teach

Can you draw or create a model of the human skeleton using materials of your choice? You could use any material you want such as pasta, playdough, straws, pipe cleaners etc. Can you use this to teach somebody all the skeletal system and bones?

Reason to Research

What can you find out about digestion and how this affects the human body? Can you record your findings in a poster or a fact file?

Ready to Report

Can you create a report about the human body? You could explore anything you choose about this. This could be a written report/ video/audio report detailing what you have learnt?

You might want to choose from:

- Animals survival and offspring
- The Skeletal System
- Digestion and Healthy Eating
- The Circulatory System
- Germs, disease and preventing illness.

Have it your own way!

Or you can do it your way! Choose to explore the topic further in any way you want. Be creative and do it your way! Use your Science knowledge organiser for ideas and to help you.