

Welcome to Year 2



In Year 2 we have an extremely full timetable therefore it is vital that your child arrives on time each morning, ready for a busy day.



*Doors open at
8:20am and
the gates close
at 8.30am*

During soft start, the children will have opportunities to read 1:1 with staff, take part in music sessions and be able to consolidate their knowledge on other subjects.

We have a break for 15 minutes at 11am.

- time to run around and chat,
- time to play and have fun,
- time to eat some fruit and have a drink,
- time to go to the toilet.



Let's play

Please remind your children that they should do these things at break time so that they are ready for their learning when they come back inside.

Uniform

- Just a reminder that all children should come into school with their full uniform including school jumper and blazer. Please label your child's belongings with their name so that nothing gets lost or mixed up.
- If your child has long hair, they should come into school with their hair tied back and small studs for earrings. Please see the uniform policy on the school website for further information on hair and earrings.
- It is important that your child has a full PE kit that fits them appropriately to ensure they can take part safely.

Stationery

Children must bring the following stationery with them to school every day to ensure they are ready for each learning day.

- **Soft pencil case**
- **2 HB pencils**
- **Rubber**
- **Sharpener**
- **Green biro pen**
- **Berol handwriting pen- blue (if on a pen licence)**
- **Small ruler**
- **Highlighter pen**
- **Dry wipe marker**
- **Colouring pencils**
- **Glue Stick**

PE Kits

- Children should bring their PE Kit in every **Monday** and this will go home on **Friday's** to be washed.

We cover many subjects:

English and Maths are taught daily

**Science and Religion are taught
twice a week**

We also teach:

Shared Reading

Computing

Topic:

History, Geography, Art & DT.

PE

French

Music

Taught by a specialist subject leader



St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School



Autumn Term 2022 Curriculum Information for Parents
Classes: 2B and 2F

Teachers: Miss Bennett and Miss Finnerty

Welcome to Year 2. This term we will be learning about:

Mathematics

- Numbers within 100
- Add and subtract 2-digit numbers
- Addition and subtraction word problems
- Measuring length
- Graphs
- Multiplication and division (by 2, 5 and 10)
- Maths Meetings which will cover a range of mathematical concepts including shape, money and number

English

- Descriptions
- Adventure narratives
- Recount writing
- Explanations
- ~~Character~~
- Poetry
- Handwriting
- Spelling rules
- Children will cover a range of genres of writing within their Talk Write tasks

Religious Education: This term, the children will explore the topic called 'Beginning with the Church', this will teach the children the importance of the sacraments of initiation and the topic called 'Advent to Christmas' will teach the children about traditions and symbols representing Christmas.

Caritas: Children to develop an understanding of the Catholic Social teachings which highlights the importance of valuing human life and relationships, including social interactions.

Computing: Children will learn the importance of 'Online Safety' in the first half term. In the second half term they will study 'Coding' - children will plan instructions and create algorithms using Purple Mash.

History: Our History topic is 'Burning Down the House' which children will be learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. They will find out why Bonfire Night is celebrated in the UK.

Geography: Children will learn about 'My World and Me'. They will be identifying different countries on a map using an atlas.

P.E: In the autumn term, children will learn Fundamental Movement Skills and take part in Basketball, Dance and Gymnastics sessions.

Music: Children will become immersed in the Year 2 listening spine. They will be learning how to play the recorder, Kodaly and ~~Salsa~~ and they will learn general musicianship skills.

French: Review greetings, asking and answering basic questions (How are you? How old are you? Where do you live?), numbers, colours, instructions, weather, finger rhymes, alphabet, days of the week, months, facts about France, Christmas activities.

R&ME: Children will develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships. They will develop an understanding of how they are special as God's children, the differences between themselves and others as boys and girls and how to look after their bodies as God made them.

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Science: In Autumn 1, our topic is 'Exploring Everyday Materials'. We will look at the properties of different materials and the suitability of materials for different products. In Autumn 2, we will explore 'Growth and Survival', learning about animals and their offspring, how animals and humans grow and what they need to survive and the importance of a healthy, balanced diet.

Art: In art, they will be creating a self-portrait.

DT: In DT this term, children will be using different materials to make fine engines.

Home learning

Each evening your child should read for at least 20 minutes and spend time learning their 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables.

Every Friday children shall be given a booklet including their spellings, handwriting, talk home learning (to be discussed in preparation for Big Writing on Friday), Mathematics, Religious Education and English homework to be returned to school on Friday.

Meet the teacher presentations:
2B = 13/09/2023 3.15pm-3.45pm
2F = 15/09/2023 3.15pm-3.45pm

You can help your child by:

Supporting your child in completing their home learning to a high standard and returning it in on time.

Developing their skills in time, money and measure in real life situations.

Please label your child's clothes, with your child's name so that property can be returned if lost. Ensure your child brings their school bag to school every day. Helping your child to do research to find resources for their history, geography and science work.

For more information about what we will be learning about this school year please visit: <http://www.stjosephsps.co.uk/school/> Encourage children to use Purple Mash <https://www.purplemash.com>. Please visit www.tymaths.co.uk to improve mathematical skills.

P.E. kits should be taken home each Friday to be washed and then returned to school each Monday.

Termly newsletter gives you a brief outline of planned curriculum in the subjects.

You can find this on the school website.





Home time

- When you have picked up your child at 3'oclock please exit the school premises as quickly as possible.
- If you would like to talk to me, make an appointment at the office and we can discuss the matter privately. If you have a query, the staff on gate duty may be able to answer your questions.
- If someone else is picking up your child please inform the office before the end of the day.





Home Learning



All Home learning goes home on Friday and is due back on the following Friday.

This includes:

Spellings Reading book Talk homework

Handwriting Mathematics RE English

School bags should be brought in by the children everyday. All home learning, school letters and reading books should go home and come back to school in school bags.



Home learning is planned to link with current learning.



What else can you do?



**Inspire
curiosity**

**Read to them
and with
them and talk
about what
you've read**



**Fully prepare – make sure
they have everything they
need and are ready**



**Healthy
lifestyle**





**What
does
your
child
need to
do?**



**Read books and
discuss them
with someone
else**

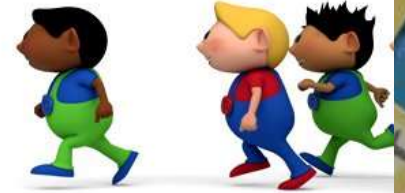


talk

**use
numbers**



be active



**find out and
be curious**



try hard

**work in a
team**





Behaviour

We have high expectations of behaviour and will be employing the behaviour policy where necessary.

We take a positive approach as children respond to rewards. We will continue to implement class dojo points to positively reward excellent work and behaviour.



A few things so far.....

- Number formation

Encourage children to form their numbers correctly and correct them where possible.

- **Handwriting** - Cursive script

Encourage children use cursive script at home when they are writing to ensure they are always practicing their handwriting correctly.

- Capital letters and full stops

- Adjectives (WOW words)



Remind children to use capital letters and full stops in their writing and promote the use of WOW words to develop their ideas.

- Phonics

When reading and writing, remind children to use their phonics to read if they are struggling with certain words and to sound out words to help with their spelling.

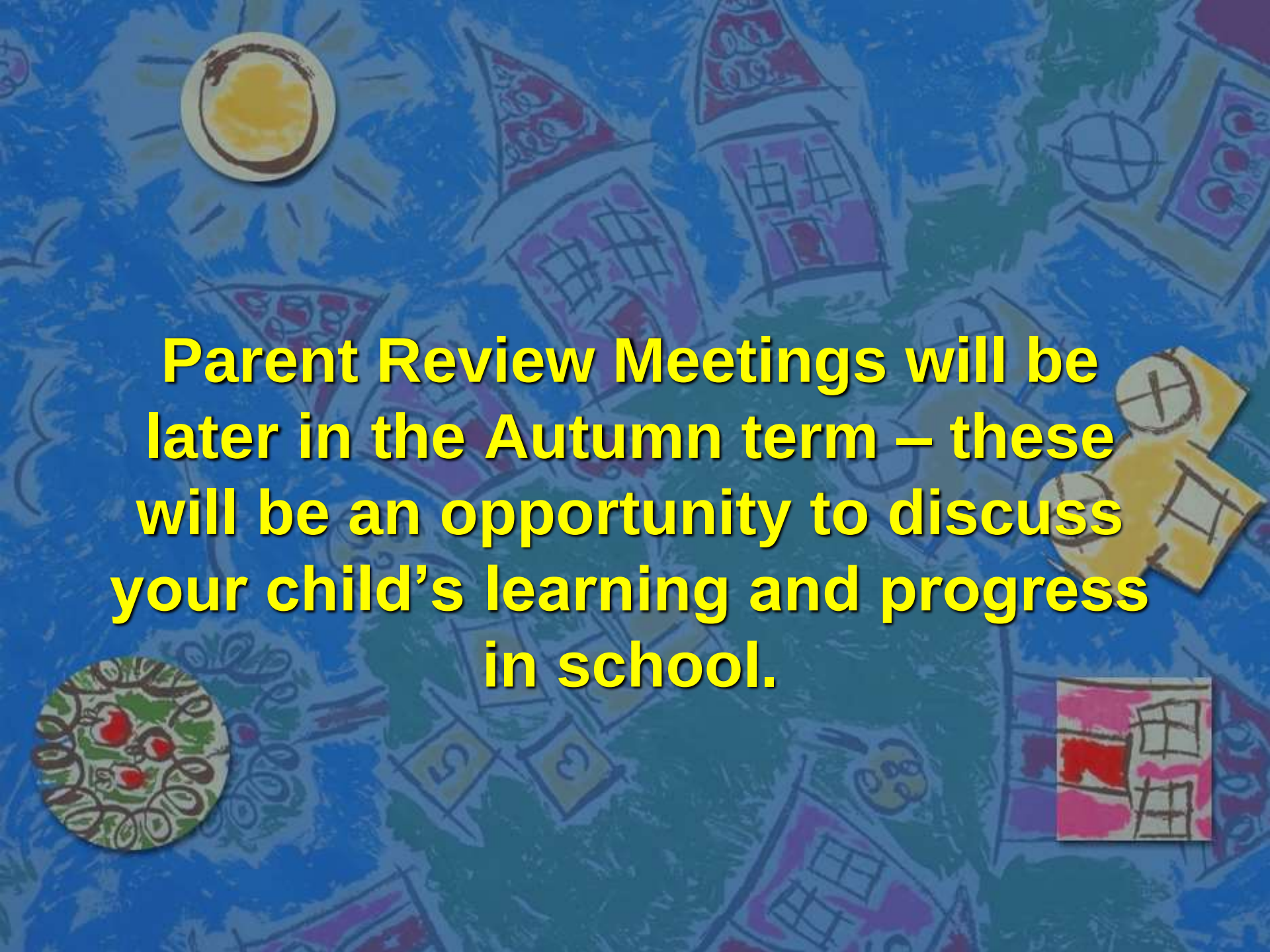
parent

success

child

teacher

As you have seen, learning at home is equally as important as learning in school. That is why it is very important that we all work together this year in order for your child to make progress and achieve their very best!



Parent Review Meetings will be later in the Autumn term – these will be an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress in school.