



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year; we hope you had a lovely, restful break.
We are looking forward to the exciting topics we are going to cover this term.

Our Curriculum: (*Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website*)

Mathematics: We will continue with our addition and subtraction. We will be adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers and challenging ourselves to try tricky problems. We will continue to work on multiplication and division. We will also be learning about different fractions and developing our knowledge and understanding of shape, position and direction. We will be learning about capacity and volume and recapping money.

English: This term we are reading our focus text, 'The Boy who Biked the World' by Alastair Humphreys, exploring different aspects of the boys journey and writing our own diary extracts. We will also 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 our handwriting and spelling. It is very important that the children write using correct letter formation as we will continue to practise joining our letters.

Religious Education: Our first topic is 'Jesus, friend to everyone', where we will explore the New Testament and learning more about his life. We will discuss different symbols and signs relating to Easter.

Science: This term we are going to be studying plants and seeds. This will include 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 and stay healthy.

Computing: We will be learning about coding, developing our understanding of algorithms, sprites and scenes. We will learn how to begin to create our own, simple computer games using the programs, 'Scratch' and 'To Code' on Purple Mash.

Topic: Our focus theme this term is 'All Aboard' and we are going to be studying 'Travel and Transport'. As part of this topic we will visit the Manchester Science Museum and learn about the development of transport and look at different types of transportation, including space travel and the first moon landing.

Music: The children will continue to have music with our Specialist Music Teacher, Mrs Goulding. We will be learning about the sounds of different classroom instruments. After half-term we will be playing the recorder, which will be cleaned in school after each single use. However, if your child has their own recorder, they can bring it into school to use themselves.

Physical Education: This term the children will continue to have PE with Mr Price, our specialist PE teacher. We will also commence swimming lessons every Tuesday.

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

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/
Phonics - www.phonicsplay.co.uk
Spelling—<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>
English—www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1
Maths - www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games
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](https://twitter.com/St_Wilfrids_CE) @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

Home Learning:

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure. We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read and ensure books are in school daily. Reading diaries will be checked in school and we expect a minimum of three 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. These books are intended as 'home' readers as the children may read a separate text in their English lessons.

Spellings. A spelling list will be given to children every Monday. Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

English Homework. A piece of English homework will be given out every Monday and should be returned to school by the following Monday. This may be handed in before then.

Maths Homework. A piece of Maths homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned to school by the following Friday.

Times Table Challenge: Children will be given a half termly times table challenge, where they can achieve a range of awards.

Topic Homework: Children may also be given other types of homework during the course of the year.

A message from the PTFA...

"We have had a fantastic Autumn Term and have raised lots of funds that our children will be able to take advantage of throughout the year. All of our Christmas events were very popular and the Christmas Fair saw it's highest profit to date. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have shown their support for all of our events, as well as school staff and the PTFA team for their continued commitment. We look forward to the next term of activities and events and would welcome new members to join us." Katie Ashcroft (Chair)



