



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Year 2 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2.

We hope to make it an enjoyable and exciting time for learning and developing skills.

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: At the beginning of term we will be looking at place value and number, looking at the amount of tens and ones in different numbers and moving onto addition and subtraction during the term. We will be counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards from different numbers. We will explore different measures including time and money, and look at shapes, fractions and statistics. When we are ready, we will also learn about multiplication and division towards the end of term.

English: This term our Focus Theme is 'Feature Finders!' We will be reading our Focus Text and looking at postcards, letters and stories in different settings. We will look at different features in the stories to link in with our Topic work and also learn about different features within the text and writing, such as capital letters, nouns, adjectives etc. We will start the year by discussing different places we have visited.

Religious Education: We will be studying the Bible, Non-Christian special books and Good News Bringers. If you have a Bible or a special book at home please could you talk about your favourite stories and read it together. Later in the term we will discuss and explore, 'Why the birth of Jesus was such good news for Christians.'

Science: This term we will be learning all about materials and their properties, naming different materials and discussing how they are made. We will also look at how some materials can be changed, e.g. bending, twisting and stretching.

Computing: We will be developing our knowledge and use of Purple Mash and finding out about the workings of a computer and technology outside of school. We will also find out about 'algorithms' and how they are implemented as programs on digital devices.

Topic: Our first topic will be 'Feature Finders!' This includes searching for different geographical features, looking at human and physical features of different places. We will be discussing how places have changed over time and develop our mapping skills by drawing maps and creating keys. We will also find out about significant people and places within our locality.

Music: This term we will be looking at long and short sounds, pitch and tone. We will also learn about rhythm by listening to different kinds of music.

Physical Education: We will continue to developing our fundamental skills by moving and dancing in different ways.

Art and Design: To link with our Topic work, we will be learning about features in Standish and create some artwork in the style of the artist Gaudi.

Design and Technology: We will be designing and making a Christmas Puppet out of felt.

Autumn Term Focus Theme:

Feature Finders!

Focus Reading Text:

'More Katie Morag's Island Stories' by Mairi Hedderwick

Recommended Websites:

[www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/Purple Mash](http://www.saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk/PurpleMash)

Twitter Accounts to follow:

@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

@ccrawfordclass @MrsKohlersclass @Ldavesclass

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.

Children will have their reading book changed once a week on an allocated day. Your child's class teacher will ensure that you know which day your child will have their book changed. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and diary on this day.

We ask parents to sign and date reading diaries every time you hear your child read (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. Reading diaries must be brought into school on your child's allocated day for teacher's to monitor.

All children will have the opportunity to read a variety of high quality 'reading for pleasure' texts and 'recommended reads' linked to their focus theme during the school week.

Homework and Spellings:

Spelling lists will be sent via 2email on Purple Mash every Monday. The children will also have a spelling book. Children will be expected to learn these spellings throughout the week at home. They will have a spelling test on the following Monday.

An English and Maths homework task or activity will be also be set via Purple Mash every Monday and needs to be completed by the following Monday.

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

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

If you are unable to access Purple Mash, please let your child's class teacher know by contacting the school office.

