



St. Wilfrid's Church of England Primary Academy

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



Autumn Term 2024 Term Newsletter

Wishing you all a very warm welcome to Year 2!

Year 2 Team: Mrs Crawford, Mrs McAndrews and Miss Parkinson

Key Stage 1 Phase Leader: Miss E. Bradburn

Our Curriculum:

(Curriculum Overviews can be accessed on the school website)

Mathematics: At the beginning of term, we will be counting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards from different numbers. 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 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 'Island Adventures!' 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.

Computing: The children will be introduced to computers and the hardware involved. They will learn the skills required to operate the computer correctly, especially with using the keyboard. They will learn about online safety and the need to keep passwords secret before being introduced to coding through the second half of the term.

Topic (History and Geography): Our first topic will be 'Island Adventures!' 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. We will also find out about significant people and places within our locality.

Music: The children will be learning about pulse and beat, listening to a variety of music and singing a range of songs.

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

Art and Design: To link with our Topic, we will 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.

Relationships and Health Education (PSHE): We will be learning about our relationships with families and friends.

Autumn Term 1 Focus Theme: Island Adventures

"Island Adventures" combines geography and art as children explore the theme "Where in the world have you been?" Through the focus text 'Katie Morag's Island Stories' by Mairi Hedderwick, children learn about life on a remote island, gaining insights into different geographical features and cultures. In art, they create collages of sea creatures, blending creativity with their understanding of marine life. As part of their home learning project, children build island models, bringing their knowledge of islands to life. A visit to the Sea Life Centre further enhances their learning, allowing them to observe sea creatures up close and deepen their connection to the topic.

Autumn Term 2 Focus Theme: Planet Protectors

"Planet Protectors" encourages children to explore geography and science through the lens of environmental stewardship. Linked to the Geography theme "Where in the world have you been?" and the study of everyday materials in Science, children learn about the importance of sustainable practices. The focus text 'Dear Earth' by Isabel Otter, inspires them to think critically about protecting the planet. Through discussions and activities, children consider the impact of human actions on the environment. A visit to the Sea Life Centre further emphasises the importance of conservation, giving them a real-world perspective on the marine ecosystems they aim to protect.

X (formerly known as Twitter) Accounts to follow:

@ccrawfordclass @lmcandrewsclass @rparkinsonclass
@St_Wilfrids_CE @StWilfridsMusic @StWilfridsSport

Purple Mash: Children have access to this online platform at home, where they can enjoy educational games and use resources to enhance their learning. This **will not** be used for homework this year, but will be used within school and available for children to use at home.

Home Learning

Spellings: Children will be given an age-appropriate spelling list every Monday in their Spelling Record Book and will be tested the following Monday.

Reading: In order to be competent readers, children need to read regularly at home and school. Parents/Carers are asked to encourage their children to read regularly and to read for pleasure.

We ask parents/carers to sign and date Reading Records every time you hear your child read (we expect a minimum of **four** 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. In Year 2, Reading Records must be brought into school on your child's guided reading day, for teachers to sign and monitor. Children will be given opportunities to change their reading book every week.

Maths (Year 1 to Year 6): Children will be given a weekly home learning task in Maths, to be given out every **Friday**, to consolidate the learning that has taken place in school during the week. This needs to be returned to their child's class teacher by the following **Wednesday**.

Multiplication Tables (Year 1 to Year 6): Children have got access to **TT Rockstars**, a maths programme focusing on multiplication tables [link](#). Please encourage your child to use this online programme on a regular basis. If you do not know your child's username and password please contact helpdesk@saintwilfrids.wigan.sch.uk stating your child's full name and class.

Home Learning Project: Children will be set a Home Learning Project, related to their termly focus theme. This is usually a practical task, which families can work with children on together and share in school.

Autumn Term 2024 Diary Dates:



Friday 27th September	Non-Uniform Day for September Birthdays (Y1, Y2 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 26 th September due to PE)
Friday 27th September	9.30am Reception & KS1 Harvest Festival at Church (Y1 to lead) 10.30am KS2 Harvest Festival at Church (Y6 to lead)
Wednesday 2nd October	3.30 – 5.30pm Parents' Evening for Rec – Year 6
Wednesday 9th October	6.00 – 8.00pm Parents' Evening for Rec – Year 6
Thursday 10th October	School Photographs (Individual and Family)
Friday 18th October	School closes for half term
Monday 28th October	School reopens for Autumn Term 2
Friday 1st November	Non-Uniform Day for October Birthdays (Y1, Y2 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 31 st October due to PE)
Monday 11th November	Act of Remembrance at St. Wilfrid's Church for Year 6 children
Wednesday 13th November	6.30pm (doors open 6.15pm) Open Evening for prospective Nursery and Reception parents
Tuesday 19th November	Year 2 Educational Visit to Blue Planet Aquarium
Friday 29th November	Non-Uniform Day for November Birthdays (Y1, Y2 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 28 th November)
Thursday 5th December	Christingle Themed Day and 6pm Christingle Service at Church (Year 3 to lead)
Friday 6th December	Non-Uniform Day – Children to bring item for Christmas Fayre
Friday 13th December	3.30pm Christmas Fayre
Friday 20th December	Non-Uniform Day for December Birthdays (Y1, Y2 & Y3 non-uniform on Thursday 19 th December)
	1.30pm EYFS & KS1 Carol Service at Church (Y2 to lead) 2.30pm KS2 Carol Service at Church (Y4 to lead)
	School closes for Christmas

Autumn Term 2024 Worship Themes:

w/c 2.9.24	New Beginnings
w/c 9.9.24	Leaders of Faith
w/c 16.9.24	Kind
w/c 23.9.24	Harvest
w/c 30.9.24	St. Michael and All Angels
w/c 7.10.24	Together (Inclusivity)
w/c 14.10.24	Peace
w/c 28.10.24	All Saints (Saints of God)
w/c 4.11.24	Remembrance
w/c 11.11.24	Generosity
w/c 18.11.24	Joy
w/c 25.11.24	Preparations
w/c 2.12.24	Advent
w/c 9.12.24	St. John the Baptist
w/c 16.12.24	Preparing for Christmas

Additional Information:

Playground Equipment and Games: Children are not allowed to use any of the playground equipment or bring in balls to play with before or after school. Also, children are not permitted to use bikes or scooters on the school grounds. This is for health and safety reasons. Children must not enter the school car park or climb on the blue railings.

PE Uniform: PE lessons will take place on **Monday**. Swimming lessons will take place on **Friday**. Children will be expected to attend school in PE uniform on their PE day. This consists of a sky-blue T-shirt, school jumper, cardigan or hoody, and navy/black shorts, or navy/black leggings, or navy/black joggers, and a pair of dark-coloured trainers (no bright colours please). Children are also encouraged to bring a rainproof jacket for outdoor use in wet weather.

Handwriting Pens (KS2 only): Teachers will issue a 'Pen License' if and when your child is ready to make the transition from pencil to pen.

Parking: Please be reminded that parking on the school premises is for staff only between 7am and 4.30pm. Please be respectful to residents when parking in the local community.

Pets: Dogs **are not** permitted on the school grounds, without formal consent.

Attendance and Punctuality: Good attendance is crucial in your child's education. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please notify the office staff.

School Uniform: Please ensure that children wear the correct school uniform and look smart. This includes black shoes. We strongly encourage you to have your child's name clearly marked or labelled in all items of clothing. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat. We encourage hair accessories, such as hair bands and bobbles, to be consistent with the colour of the uniform e.g., sky blue, navy, grey or black. Long hair should be tied back.

Earrings: Children **are not** permitted to wear earrings in school. This is for health and safety reasons.

Water bottles: Children are encouraged to drink water during the school day to keep them hydrated. They may bring in a plastic water bottle, preferably clear, with their name labelled on it. They should take it home regularly to be washed. Children can refill bottles in school.

Snacks: Children may bring in a snack of either toast or a piece of fruit for morning playtime. Other items such as cakes, biscuits, crackers, sweets, cereal or fruit bars are not permitted at playtime. Please be aware that there are children in school with nut allergies. Therefore, can you please ensure that your child does not bring any items containing nuts into school as part of their packed lunch or snack. Please note that this may include some cereal bars.

Medication: If your child requires medication such as inhalers, please ensure that you child's class teacher is provided with medication that is within its expiry date and is clearly labelled. You will be required to complete a medical form from the school office.