

# Year 2 Summer Newsletter

'Hand in hand with Jesus Christ we live, love and learn together'

## Why is Nottingham special?

Welcome back to the final term in Year 2! We are delighted to be back and are ready to tackle what this term brings! I'm sure, this term, like the previous terms will whizz by. During the Summer Term our activities are all based around our theme: 'Why is Nottingham special?'

### RE:

As always our religious studies will be at the heart of everything we do. This term we will focus on Pentecost in our 'Spread the Word' topic, forgiveness of sins during our 'Rules' topic and giving thanks for God's wonderful world in our final topic, 'Treasures'. We will also spend a week learning about the Hindu faith and what being part of a Hindu family is like.

### Maths:

In our Maths work we will build on what the children have been learning and applying it to reasoning and problem solving activities. We will be looking again at addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and work to embed the strategies that the children use for each. We will also be further developing our knowledge and understanding of shape, money and statistics.

### English:

This term the children will be introduced to non-fiction books and they will learn how they are structured in different ways. Children will have the opportunity to do non-fiction writing and will continue to focus on vocabulary, grammar and punctuation.

### Science:

This term our science topic is 'Plants'. The children will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will find out about and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

### Geography:

During this term we will be using our walk to Forest School to support our learning about maps. We will be looking at aerial views and the symbols used to inform us on a map. We will also look at how landmarks we can see on our map can help us ensure we are taking the right route.

## History:

Our History work this term will focus on our local area. We will be finding out about famous Nottingham residents and some of the reasons Nottingham is famous.

## Design and Technology:

In Design and Technology we will be building on our knowledge of mechanisms. The children will explore wheel mechanisms and describe how axles help wheels to move a vehicle. The children will evaluate different designs and use this to design and label their own working wheel. Following this, the children will build the wheel structure, testing it is stable and ensuring parts rotate freely where necessary. Children will evaluate throughout the making process adapting any problems that they face as they arise.

## Art:

In Art we are going to be exploring how patterns can be created in 3D form before moving on to looking at the work of famous sculptors. Children will study the sculptor Michelle Reader and construct their own art from recyclable materials. Later in the term we will move onto natural and man-made forms before studying Andy Goldsworthy and his works, ahead of Forest School sessions, where children will create their own installation art in the natural environment.

## Computing:

During our computing sessions, we will be looking at the international space station and how the use of coding and probes helps the station run and support the astronauts.

In addition, the children will continue to have weekly PE and French lessons.

## What's happening this term ...

Monday 15th April - Return to school  
Friday 3rd May - Year 2 Liturgy 2:45  
Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday  
27th May - 31st May - Half term  
17th - 21st June Health Week  
Friday 21st June - KS1 sports day  
Saturday 6th July - Summer Fayre  
Thursday 11th July - Year 2 trip  
Tuesday 16th July - School celebration day  
Wednesday 24th July - Last day of term  
Thursday 18th July - Record of Achievement  
Thursday 25th July - Inset day  
Friday 26th July - Inset day

## Here are a few important reminders for this term:

- Homework will be given out on a Tuesday and handed in on the following Monday.
- In addition to homework, children should also be reading for 15-20 minutes every day at home.
- Children will be tested on their spellings every Monday.
- Children will have PE on Wednesday (every week) .
- Children must be sent to school with all of the correct PE kit: t-shirt, shorts, jumper, jogging bottoms and trainers or plimsolls. They will take part in both indoor and outdoor PE and must always be prepared.