

Term: Lent Term

Class 2 information:

A big welcome back to you all. We had a great Autumn Term and we are really proud of the progress already made by the children. We are really looking forward to Lent Term in Class 2 and there are lots of exciting opportunities to come.

A huge thank you to Mrs John's who has worked hard with the children on a Wednesday, the children will really miss her.

We now welcome back Mrs Hughes, who will be the class teacher on a Wednesday. The children were really happy to have her back.

This term we have also been joined by Mr Laud who is a student teacher from Derby University. We are happy to welcome him to the Class 2 Team.

As you know, the school day is now 8:45 – 3:15, we ask that children promptly arrive at 8:45am each morning as we start the day with a warm up activity such as a maths recap, handwriting or spelling practice.

Class 2 have **PE on <u>Monday and Friday's</u>**, on these days children need to come into school already in their school PE kits.

Homework:

Children in Class 2 will receive a small maths task and a writing task every **Monday**, children have a week to complete this work. Please ensure that the homework book is returned every **Monday** so that it can be marked and new homework set. **Spellings**, as you have seen, we have changed how we teach spellings at St Charles and we will no longer be sending home weekly spelling lists. If you would like to help your children with their spellings please check out the common exception words for year $\frac{1}{2}$.

Reading: it is so important that children read regularly at home, this can be their school reading books, library books, magazines or home reading books. Please record reading in your child's homework diary and thank you for your support with reading at home. Book change day in Class 2 is every **Friday**. Children will take home a reading book linked to their RWI level, a Library book to share with the family and sometimes they will also bring home the book that they have been reading in their RWI group. Books will only be changed when the book is returned and there is a comment from the parent that the child has finished the book in their reading record.

Curriculum areas	
RE	 In RE our new Topic is Special People Through these lessons children will: Know and understand: That there are special people in our lives who are there to help us. That on Sunday, in church, we meet people who do special jobs as we gather to celebrate the Good News of Jesus. We will base our learning on the scripture; Luke 2: 23-40, Luke 2: 41-52
Literacy	 In Literacy we will be continuing our phonics work through the Read Write Inc. Scheme. Children will continue to learn up to three new sounds a week and build reading skills. There will be a range of exciting reading and writing activities set up every day for the children to explore. Year 2 will work on spelling patterns or sound using al or all, soft c and adding the suffix y Book based Literacy: In the first week of this half term children have completed work based on the book 'Oliver's vegetables' The children really enjoyed the story and we were very impressed with the quality of their writing. Our whole class read for this half term will be based on The Hodgeheg by Dick-King Smith where the children will hone in on their DERIC skills.
Numeracy	 In Numeracy, Year 1 will be beginning the term focussing on their place value skills and then move onto addition and subtraction. Year 2 will be beginning this term focussing on shape. We will then move onto Multiplication and Division. 99 Club. Children will take part in the weekly 99 club which helps

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Topic	 improve their times table knowledge. We will start with 11 club. Children are given 6 minutes and need to get all of the answers correct twice before moving onto the next club. Please encourage your child to practice their times tables using TTRockstars and hit the button. Our topic this term is: Food Glorious food This is a Geography topic where will be looking at where in the world different foods come from, locating countries and continents on the map. We will then move onto DT skills where the children will be designing, planning and evaluating their own sandwiches. The questions that our lessons will be based around this year are Where does our food come from? How far has my food travelled? Can all food grow anywhere? How do you get to the shops?
Science	 4. How do you get to the snops? If you have any books or resources that may be useful in this Topic please do send them in. Our Science topic this term is: Electricity In these lessons we will be looking at how circuits are made and keeping safe around
	electricity. We will then move onto ' plants ' where we will learn about what plants need to survive. If you have any books or resources that support these topics please do send them in.
their enjoyment of reading record when your child has Please also encourage your bond and times table knowle Remember to follow us on T	to read daily as this will aid their reading progression and consolidate Children should be reading their books at school and home. Please read at home in their reading diaries. child to use Numbots and TT Rockstars to consolidate their number

and tweet information about events. Please let us know that you have viewed a post with a like or a comment.

If you have any queries regarding this term's curriculum coverage please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see Mrs Satchwell