

St Saviours' Roman Catholic Primary School – Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Class/Year Group: Year 2 **Term:** Autumn 2026

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 Our Curriculum Focus This Term Children will build on their learning from Year 1 by exploring animals, habitats and food chains. They will discover how animals obtain food from plants and other animals and create simple food chains from a range of habitats. Pupils will investigate minibeasts and their microhabitats during a safari around the school grounds, carefully observing and recording what they find. They will develop their geographical skills by exploring the local area, using maps, compass points and symbols to create and annotate their own maps. They will also map journeys from the stories and books they are reading.	
 English - Year 2 pupils will explore King Lion by Emma Yarlett and write their own story inspired by the text. Other books children will study this term are Gnome Book and write an information text. Paddington and write a narrative story and finally World Kitchen and write an instructional information text. They will learn to expand noun phrases using adjectives to create vivid descriptions and use emotion words to explain how characters feel and why.	 Mathematics In Mathematics this term, Year 2 will develop their understanding of place value comparing and ordering number to 100. Pupils will count forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 and explore the value of each digit in a two-digit number. Pupils will also strengthen their addition and subtraction skills by solving problems involving numbers, quantities and measures, using a range of practical, mental and written methods.

Wider Curriculum

 History/Geography How do maps help us to find our way? The children will describe the location of features and routes on maps, using aerial photographs and other visual resources to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features.	 Science – Two Topics Living Things and Their Habitats/Plants The children will learn about animals and how they grow into adults. They will describe how animals obtain food from other plants and animals and develop their understanding of food chains. They will also learn how plants grow and germinate.	 Art/DT Animal Sculptures The children will be introduced to the artist Fernando Botero and work with a range of materials to create their own versions of his animal sculptures, using their knowledge of 2-D and 3-D shapes.
 Music The Long and Short of It The children will explore duration in music.	 Computing Online Safety The children will learn how to use technology safely and responsibly.	 Physical Education (PE) Ball skills: gross and fine motor skills PE kits should be worn on Wednesdays

More on Curriculum and Key School Events and Dates

 Catholic Life (RE) † Topics: Family and Belonging Celebrations: Harvest Mass, All Saints' Day and Advent liturgies Mass Dates: Year 2 Class Masses (parents are invited to attend at 10:00am on Tue 22nd Sept, 2026 and 17th November, 2026)	
 Reading & Homework Homework is set on Fridays and is expected back on Wednesdays • Daily reading for at least 10 minutes—please record this in reading journals. • Weekly spelling practice, with a test every Friday. • English and Maths homework in CGP books.	 Key Dates • Meet the teachers: Tuesday 15th September. • Dressing Up – CAFOD Brighten Up your Day(fundraising) – Friday 9th October • Parents' Evening- Tuesday 20th October (Day 1) 3:40 – 6:00pm • Dressing Up – Angels and Heroes – Friday 6th November (£2 per child) • Parents Evening- Tuesday 10th November (Day 2) 3:40 – 6:00pm • Inset Day: Monday 2nd November (No pupils in School) • Individual and Sibling photos: Friday 13th November • KS1 Nativity Play at 2:00pm: Tuesday 15th December • Christmas Dinner and Jumpers: Wednesday 16th December • Whole School Christmas Mass - Thursday 17th December (13:50)
Other Key Information	
 Attendance – Good attendance unlocks your child's full potential. Every day in school counts – even missing one day can mean lost learning and gaps in understanding. Please support us by ensuring your child is in school every day, on time, so they can achieve their very best.  Punctuality – Every minute late is a minute of learning lost. Please ensure your child is in their class line by 8:50am. Kindly pick your child up promptly at 3:20pm.  School Uniform- Wearing the correct uniform shows pride in our school and helps every child feel ready to learn. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. (Please read the school uniform policy for details)	 How You Can Help at Home • Writing Practice: Encourage your child to keep a simple diary, write stories or postcards, or write letters to family members. • Spelling Support: Help your child learn their weekly spelling words. • Practise the tricky words from the Year 2 Common Exception Words list. • Practise Number Bonds: Make sure your child knows their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. • Times Tables: Focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, including multiplication and division facts. • Everyday Maths: Use shopping, cooking or journey times to practise counting, measuring and telling the time. • Talk about money, give your child change to count or let them pay for small items.
 Contact: Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher the school office email: admin2@stsaviours We are happy to meet and discuss any concerns kindly make an appointment through the office. Please note at the start of the day teachers can only take a brief message and after school they may have meetings. We apologise if you cannot be seen at these times. A note in the child 'home school reading log is welcome.	