

Our Value

This term our core value is Creativity.



We will be learning about the story of The Creation in Christianity and look at how creative we can be in our own individual lives.



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Reading

Please make sure your child brings their book bag to school with them every day as we will be listening to children read throughout the week.

We have time in the day most days for the children to change their books. Now the children are in Year 2 we are encouraging them to be independent in remembering to change their own books when they need to.

Please sign your child's reading diary as there may be rewards for those children who are reading regularly!

As well as school reading books, don't forget that every week the children have the opportunity to visit the KS1 library to choose a book of their choice to take home to share with their family.



Apostles' Staff Members

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Apostles' Class *Year 2* *Autumn Term* *2019*



Welcome Back!

Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside! Do you? Well I hope so because Year 2 are about to become expert beachcombers.

We are hoping to head to the beach to look for interesting and unusual objects, using our senses to spot, sniff and seek them out! We will take a look in some rock pools and take a peek into the cool water to learn about the weird and wonderful animals and plants in their micro habitats.

So have you got your bucket and spade ready?
Let's go BEACHCOMBING!

General expectations



"Little children, from the moment they are weaned, are making their way toward independence."

- Maria Montessori

As the children are now Year 2, we expect that they are becoming more independent in their own learning and personal care.

In year 2 we expect that children:

- Remember to bring their own book bag and water bottle to and from school every-day.
- Come in to the classroom on their own. There will always be an adult on the gate or the door if there any messages we need to hear.
- Look after their jumper and water bottle in school making sure they put it in their tray or on their peg.
- Remember to bring their homework and spelling books.
- Be smartly dressed in the correct uniform. Shirts tucked in and hair accessories to be kept to a minimum in school colours.

English

This term we are learning to write tongue twisters using alliteration in poetry.

Seashells

She sells sea shells by the sea shore.
The shells she sells are surely seashells.
So if she sells shells on the seashore,
I'm sure she sells seashore shells.

We will also be looking at how to write a recount based on a real experience and how to write an information text about the beach.

We will focus on...

- using full stops, capital letters, question marks and exclamation marks.
- using adjectives and conjunctions to add detail.
- Forming letters correctly and moving on to joining up our writing when we are ready.
- using a variety of conjunctions (and, then, so, because).

Homework

Homework is usually set on Fridays and should be returned by Wednesday.

Homework may include : spellings, an independent reading book, reading comprehension , a maths activity or even a project for all the family to get involved in!

Occasionally children may bring work home which they haven't managed to complete in lesson time.

Maths

We have daily maths sessions every morning. Our mental maths sessions start at 9.30 so please be prompt coming into school!

Attendance is crucial for the children to reach their full potential.

In Year 2 we start to look at larger numbers (up too 100) and also introduce multiplication and division to the children

You can help at home by:

- Counting in steps of 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s (try starting from different numbers or going backwards as well).
- Practising number bonds to 10 so they know them by heart (e.g. $7+3=10$, $4+6=10$ etc), then try 20 and 100!
- Learn the 10x, 5x, 2x and 3x tables by heart and relate these to their division facts.
- Practise telling the time. (start with o'clock, half past, quarter past/to then

PE

Our PE slots are Wednesdays and Thursdays but please keep PE kits in school all term as timetables may change. No jewellery please and correct PE kit and footwear at all times please.