

Year 2 Update – 15.3.24

Thank you to all parents who attended parents evening meetings this week. Please remember to return reading books to school by Wednesday each week but please ensure reading records are in school every day as class teachers need these to read with children individually. Spelling homework will continue to be given on Thursdays to be returned the following week, and other homework will be given on Fridays to be returned the following week.

School Trip to Knebworth House – Monday 18th March 2024

Monday is our school trip to Knebworth House, children need to be in school at an earlier time of **8.40am**, they will return in time for the end of the normal school day. Please ensure all children have a named, nut-free packed lunch and water bottle for the day. We are outdoors for most the day so please ensure children have a raincoat and sensible shoes.

READING BOOKS

Thank you to those parents that are now signing reading books regularly and reading at least 4 times a week with their children. Please sign and date the reading record **every time** you read with your child, this way we can track how often the children are reading at home, the comment does not have to be long. Thank you for your support with this.

RE

This week in RE we have begun looking at our Lent topic. Children have looked at the importance of Ash Wednesday and discussed the different preparations we make during Lent. We have also completed work based on our Catholic Social Teaching topic of Community and Participation by thinking about what it means to be a good neighbour.

Next week, we will be looking at Palm Sunday

Vocabulary: palm, Lent, pray, give, fast, penance, reverence.

English

This week we have begun our work on the Tear Thief by reading the text and answering comprehension style questions based on it. The children have been answering questions focusing on their vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and sequencing skills.

Next week, we will be writing our own ending to the Tear Thief.

Vocabulary: comprehension, retrieval, inference, sequence.

Maths

This week in maths the children have been continuing our work on fractions. The children have been looking at halves, quarters and thirds. The children are becoming more familiar with the terms numerator and denominator. The children have been doing lots of practical activities to help find fractions of different amounts.

Next week: the children will be looking at unit fractions, the equivalence of a half and two quarters and also recognising three quarters

Vocabulary: fraction, equal, unequal, numerator, denominator, quarter, half, third,

Science

This week has been British Science Week. This year's theme has been time. The children have been completing a range of fun experiments based on this, especially focusing on their prediction skills. Speak to your child and see if they can remember which experiment they completed!

Extra information:

- PE days this term are **Wednesday and Friday for Lisbon** and **Monday and Wednesday for Padua**. As the weather is cold, please ensure children have grey tracksuit bottoms they can wear for outdoor PE

- **Monday 18th March** is our trip to Knebworth House, children will need to be in school by **8.40am** and will be returning at normal time. Children need a nut free packed lunch for this day. We are outside so please ensure children have the appropriate footwear and are wearing a waterproof coat.
- Term ends on **Thursday 28th March at 1.30pm** for the Easter holidays.
- The Summer Term begins on **Monday 15th April**.
- Here are links to some online learning tools relevant for Year 2 children:
[1-minute maths app](#) | [White Rose Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](#)
[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)
[ictgames](#) | [html5 Home Page](#)

Thank you for all your support,

Bella, Eleay and Aimie



CONNECT

Before the end of term, take a lead in a Collective Worship. Plan the reading and think about the message it is giving. Allow people to share their thoughts and think about a special mission you want your classmates to carry out. Your teacher will be able to help.

Weekly Misson

Grain of Wheat Mission

In this week's video, we hear Jesus say:
"If a man serves me, he must follow me."

When we serve others we think less about ourselves. This selfless attitude makes us more like Jesus. Your Mark 10 Mission is to give an hour of your time to help someone in need. Know that when you do this you are loving and serving God.