



St. Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School Year 2 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello and welcome back for the Summer Term! The children have all grown and progressed so much in Year 2 and I can't wait to 'hit the ground running' in the new term. In order to support their transition into Key Stage 2, there are raised expectations of the children's work, effort and attitudes this term and I know that the children will rise to the challenge!

If you have any queries or concerns, no matter how big or small, please don't hesitate to contact me either by ringing the main office or by sending an email to: year2@stcuthbertsk.org. Alternatively, for a quick query, catch one of the staff members on the door at drop off or pick up times.

English

Our English work this term will focus on:

- Narrative Writing
- Poetry
- Recounts
- Instructions



Where possible, English work will be linked to our main geography and history topics this term: '**Florence Nightingale**' and '**St Lucia**'. Children will also be developing knowledge and skills in phonics, spelling, grammar, punctuation, reading comprehension and how to respond to different texts as well as developing speaking and listening skills.



Maths

The children will start the term focusing on Geometry and Statistics. We will move onto revision of all of the key objectives in Year 2, include the 4 operations, place value and measure. Within each of these areas we will include problem-solving and reasoning tasks to allow the children to apply their knowledge and understanding.

Religious Education

The topics for this term are:

- Holidays and Holy Days
- Being Sorry
- Neighbours



Creative Curriculum

During the Summer Term, Year 1 will be learning all about **Florence Nightingale** and **St Lucia**; this will incorporate skills and knowledge in History, Geography, English, Maths, Art and Design Technology. We have numerous exciting activities planned that I know the children will thoroughly enjoy.

Notices

Year 2 SATs – As many of you already know, the Year 2 SATs are no longer compulsory. These will be replaced at St. Cuthbert's by in-house assessments, which will inform teacher assessment. This will be shared with you in the children's end of year reports.

PE - PE will continue to be on Thursdays and Fridays this term. Please can you send your child into school wearing their full PE kit (plain white t-shirt, plain, unbranded navy/black shorts or joggers and their school jumper as well as trainers for outside sessions). Please ensure that your child's PE kit is fully labelled. No jewellery should be worn. If earrings need to stay in, families need to provide plasters to cover them. Thank you.

Sun Cream – Now that the days are getting sunnier, please ensure that you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and that they have a labelled bottle of sun cream to keep at school.

School Uniform - Please ensure that your child wears full school uniform and that every item of their clothing is labelled clearly. More information about school uniform, including appropriate haircuts, can be found on the school's website (www.stcuthbertsk.newcastle.sch.uk).

Water Bottles – Please ensure your child has a labelled water bottle to keep in the classroom. It is important that your child is able to open and close their own water bottle properly.

School Lunch - As a Healthy School, part of our responsibility is to encourage families to provide healthy packed lunches for their children. As a starting point, please ensure that you do not supply fizzy drinks for your child but choose water or diluted cordial instead. For ideas on what to include as part of a healthy packed lunch, please refer to our school website. All Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a free school lunch and meals that are prepared and served are delicious! Please provide the school office with at least **7 days'** notice if you wish to change. Thank you for supporting us in this matter.

After School Club - We are extremely lucky to have our own After School Club on site, running every day from the end of school. The Club is run by members of our school staff and it represents excellent value for money as well as providing a range of stimulating, exciting activities for the children in a familiar environment. If you are interested in finding out more, please visit the school website and speak to a member of the office staff.

Key Dates for your diary:

Thursday 25th April – Year 2 trip to Scotswood Community Garden

Wednesday 22nd May – Year 2 Maths Workshop

Thursday 13th June – Year 2 trip to the Victoria Tunnel and Seven Stories

Homework

It is vitally important to your child's learning that they are heard to read by an adult every evening for approximately 10 minutes. This does not always need to be your child's reading book – personal books can be included too. Please leave a short comment in your child's yellow reading record so that we can keep track of who has read.

In addition to this, we will also be monitoring the use of Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress. These are fantastic and engaging resources which the children love to access in school. Please also access these programmes at home to support your child with their word reading and comprehension skills.

Spellings and times tables will be set on a Wednesday and will be tested the following Wednesday. The children will be given the weekly spellings which they must bring to school **every day**.

Thank you so much for your continued support, **Mr Bright and Miss Martin**