



Year Two Parent Information



Welcome to Year 2

► We are delighted to welcome you to the new academic year. The following presentation will give you an overview of the curriculum in Year 2 and the topics we will cover. We have also included some website links and ideas which should help you when supporting your child at home.

Year 2 Staff

Teachers: Ms Caiti McCloskey

Miss Nicole Hughes

Classroom Assistants: Neelam, Linda, Carole, Mary & Robyn

St Michael's Leadership Team

Principal: Mrs Brónagh McCann

Vice-Principal: Mrs Anne Kennedy-Armstrong

SENCO: Miss Claire Mullan

Foundation Stage Coordinator: Miss Lauren Deane





Summary of School Day Guidance

- ▶ Entrance/exit gate **Side Pedestrian (next to Canteen)**
- ▶ Start time **8:45am** (children to enter classrooms from 8.30am)
- ▶ Pick-up time **2pm**
- ▶ **Free to come to school in PE kit every day – unless informed otherwise (assembly or school photographs)**
- ▶ PE days are **Monday** and **Friday**– Children should come to school in PE uniform on these days.
- ▶ Healthy Snack-fruit/vegetables & water (no juice)
- ▶ **Please label every item of your child's uniform including coats. Please also label lunchboxes and water bottles.**
- ▶ All children will need a pair of wellington boots that can be kept in a bag on their peg. **THESE WILL NOT GO HOME.**
- ▶ Children should also bring a spare pair of clothes including underwear and socks for the beginning of the year.
- ▶ All children will need to have a waterproof coat every day for outdoor activities.

Homework



A weekly homework message will be sent out on Seesaw on Friday.

Homework folders will be sent home on Friday and should be returned the following Friday.

- ▶ We will share the sounds of the week & words on Seesaw.
- ▶ **This will be posted on a Friday.**
- ▶ Guided reading will take place in class - One extension book will be sent home.
- ▶ Daily reading for 5-10 minutes, phonics or number games.



Home Communication

- ▶ School App/Website/Phone-please email the school office and your email will be forwarded to the teacher. The teacher will respond at the first opportunity and this may be the following day. In the case of an emergency, please phone the school office.
- ▶ Seesaw: We will send out homework and other messages about school events on Seesaw. We will also share photos of our learning via this platform.

Year 2 Curriculum Overview

- The curriculum is divided into the following areas of learning:

Mathematics and Numeracy

Language and Literacy

The World Around Us

Physical Education

The Arts

Religious Education

Personal Development and Mutual Understanding



Language and Literacy

Talking and Listening skills

The children will work towards:

- ▶ Following and listening to teacher instructions.
- ▶ Listening to peers when they are talking.
- ▶ Asking and answering appropriate questions.

Reading

There will be a range of reading opportunities offered...shared, modelled and guided.

- **Shared Reading:** One big book per week/fortnight which supports talking and listening and reading opportunities.
- **Guided Reading:** Preparation of 1 reading book every week. Children will also receive an extension book for homework.
- We encourage the children to use a range of strategies to read unfamiliar words, e.g. phonics, picture cues, syntax and context. They should also make predictions about ideas, events and characters in their stories.
- The children will work towards recognising the First 100 High Frequency Words by the end of Year 2.



Language and Literacy



Phonics

- ▶ In St. Michael's we are following a new programme **Monster Phonics**.

There are 10 monsters each with their own colour to support with learning the link between the letter sound, the phoneme and the written letter the grapheme.

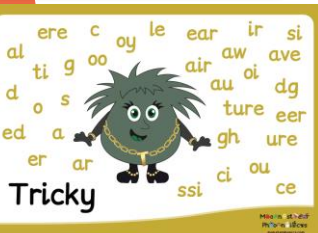
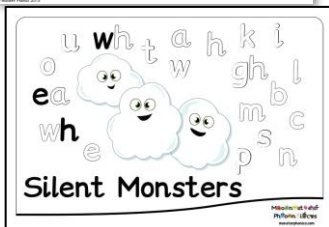
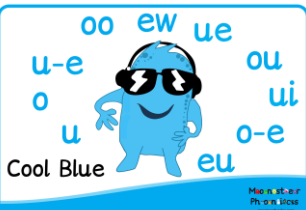
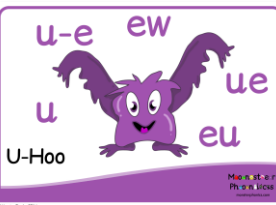
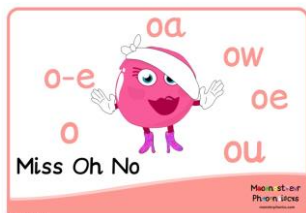
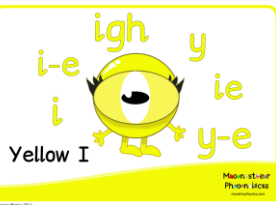
Writing

- ▶ The children will work towards:
 - Using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
 - Writing sentences using phonics and high frequency words.
 - Writing about a character/theme/topic.

Handwriting

The children will work towards:

- Consistently employing a tripod pencil grip.
- Forming letters correctly with 'flicks and kicks'
- Using correct letter sizing



Mathematics and Numeracy

- The children will explore Mathematics and Numeracy in the following areas:
- **Number** e.g. *Numbers to 20 and beyond, ordering, odd/even, doubles, adding & subtracting within 20.*
- **Money** e.g. *recognition of coins to 50p, sorting coins, finding different ways to make amounts to 20p, calculating change from 20p.*
- **Shape and Space** e.g. *Naming basic 2D and 3D shapes, comparing two different shapes and identifying how they are similar/different, exploring basic properties.*
- **Data Handling** e.g. *Sorting for various criteria and discussing data, sorting with Venn & Carroll diagrams, creating bar charts and pictograms.*
- **Measure** e.g. *exploring measure with non-standard units, reading simple digital and analogue clock displays to o'clock and half past.*
- **Mental Maths** e.g. *problem-solving within 20, recalling addition and subtraction facts, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, developing mathematical language associated with adding and subtracting...more/less, plus/minus, sum, altogether, difference between etc.*
- **Processes** e.g. *discussing how they problem solved or reached their answer, using mathematical equipment for learning,*



Learning Through Play

- ▶ The children will experience indoor and outdoor play opportunities throughout the week covering areas such as:
 - Physical
 - Sand
 - Water
 - Dough
 - Writing
 - Creative, i.e. art, music, drama
 - Small World
 - Home Corner
 - ICT (iPads)

Please remember to send in a pair of wellington boots (in a labelled bag) which can stay in school for the duration of the year.

There will also be practical play opportunities during Literacy and Numeracy lessons.



Play Fund

In P1 & P2 we have a voluntary 'Play Fund'. With this money, teachers can provide additional materials for arts and crafts relating to specific topic art, update toys, update outdoor learning and buy cooking ingredients.

This will be much appreciated by staff and allow them to offer a wider range of interesting activities for the children. This can be paid up front, termly or weekly.



Payment method	Amount
Yearly	£30
Term 1	£10
Term 2	£10
Term 3	£10



World Around Us

- There will be trips throughout the year to support topic learning.



ICT

- ▶ Children will develop ICT skills through play and across the curriculum by:
- ▶ Using iPads to support learning.
- ▶ Creating stop-motion animations, videos and recordings.
- ▶ Exploring early coding through ScratchJr and Bee-Bots.
- ▶ Listening to stories using QR codes.
- ▶ Using educational apps to support Literacy and Numeracy.
- ▶ Engaging with interactive learning through projector activities.
- ▶ Learning to use technology safely and responsibly.

These activities help develop creativity, communication, problem-solving and digital skills.

Religious Education



- We follow the Year 2 Grow in Love programme.
- The children will learn many songs throughout the year.
- The pupils will say the morning prayer, grace before meals, grace after meals and night prayer during the school day.
- Over the year, they will also learn the Glory be to the Father, Guardian Angel, Our Father and Hail Mary prayers.
- Class assembly dates are Thursday 20th May – Miss Hughes
- Friday 21st May – Ms McCloskey

Useful Links and Websites

- ▶ **Topmarks:** Topmarks has a wide selection of Literacy games such as Balloon Phonics and Phonics Bloom and Numeracy games such as Caterpillar Ordering, Robot Addition, Hit the Button, Helicopter Rescue and Telling the Time.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

- ▶ **ICT Games:** ICT Games has a wide selection of Literacy games such as Forest Phonics, Poop Deck Pirates, The Dinosaur Eggs High Frequency Words and High Frequency Word Bingo and Numeracy games such as Dino Sorts, Nutty Numbers, Archery Doubles and Save the Whale.

<https://ictgames.com/mobilePage/index.html>

- ▶ **Starfall**
- ▶ Starfall has nice phonics and reading activities.

<https://www.starfall.com/h/ltr-classic/>

- ▶ **Hairy Letters**
- ▶ **Pocket Phonics**
- ▶ **Monster Phonics**