



St Maxentius C.E. Primary School

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Welcome back to a new and exciting term in year 2. This term the children will be studying many new and exciting topics, whilst also revisiting some of the key concepts they have already learnt in order to help them build on this further and broaden their knowledge and understanding. We hope that the following information is useful in helping you support your child at home with their learning.

English

This term the children's work will focus on writing a description, a story, a diary and a letter. We will look at the features of each of these genres and the children will have the opportunity to use their imagination to write across all the genres. Through these units we will be looking for the correct use of punctuation, ensuring they are writing full sentences and also learning how to expand our sentences using subordination (because, when) and coordination (and, but, or) within their writing. Children will be taught how to use expanded noun phrases to add detail. Children will also be introduced to apostrophes for possession this term.

Reading

Together we will be sharing the texts *The Dragonsitter* and *Owen the Soldier*. Children will be developing their retrieval and prediction skills and inference skills in class. Home school reading books will be changed weekly, please ensure they are in school every day. It's important that you listen to your child as often as possible, preferably daily. It's also great to ask questions as they read, 'Why do you think that happened?', 'What has happened in the story so far?', questions that ensure the child is understanding what they have read.

Maths

During Maths lessons the children will be focusing on multiplication and division, geometry, fractions and measurement. We will continue to look at place value as this underpins all areas of learning within Mathematics and it is vital that pupils have a secure understanding.

Hit the Button (<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>)

TT Rockstars (<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>) (logins are inside the children's home reading diary).

R.E

Over the Spring term we will be covering two units – we will continue with the unit - Who is a Muslim? and we will also Why does Easter matter to Christians? During these units children will be exploring the religion, its impact on people and make connections to their own way of life.

Learning in other subjects:

In History our topic is What is a Monarch? Children will look at recent Monarchs and their role, we will discuss the coronation, Monarchs from the past and explore how castes have changed over time.

In Art we will be looking at printing. Children will be introduced to mono print. They explore the work of an artist who uses mono print in his own work, and are introduced to a simple mono print technique. This will encourage children to take creative risks and use drawing as a way to playfully invent and create narratives.

In Science we will be learning about everyday materials. We will be building on learning from Year 1 to look at properties and classifying Children will group materials to check for their suitability.

In computing we will be learning about programming. Children will gain an understanding of instructions in sequences and the use of logical reasoning to predict outcomes. We will use given commands in different orders to investigate how the order affects the outcome. They will also learn about design in programming.

In Music children will be learning new songs to sing and learning some notes to accompany a song. They will be looking at how to keep in time with the music.

Mr Cayton will continue to teach PE this term with the topic dance.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Clarkson