

St James the Great Catholic Primary School
Year 2

11th January 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and thank you once again for your kind words, cards and presents. It's now time for the children and teachers to get back to hard work in order to prepare for SATs which are just around the corner in May. The spring term curriculum map is attached.

Reading is fundamental to your child's learning. It is very important that you hear your child read and that you read to your child. Please ask them questions about the text and encourage them to predict what they think might happen. With words they don't understand, please ask them to read the rest of the sentence/paragraph to work out the meaning from the context; or use letter sounds. Children should be encouraged to discuss what they have read and reasons why they dislike or like a story/character. If your child is a reluctant reader there is nothing wrong with comics or magazines. In school we encourage children to read a range of books, from poetry to non-fiction, and to make links with other stories they have read.

In Maths they need to know their number bonds to 20, reading the numerals, and the written numbers, knowing the value of a number and be able to place numbers on a numberline according to the value. They also need to learn their 2, 10, 5 and 3 times tables and the related division facts. Please help your child with these. In Year 2 the children are working on understanding and using maths vocabulary; with this in mind they need to be able to read maths problems and work out calculations that should be completed and which operation (+, -, x or ÷) to use so when your child has maths homework, please discuss their work with them. You could ask questions like, *What does subtract mean? How do you find the difference?*

Homework will continue to be given out every week and needs to be returned on Monday in order to be marked. Spellings are sent out in children's spelling books each week and are tested on Thursdays. Thank you for the hard work you have been putting in with your child in helping to learn them.

PE is on Tuesday and Thursdays. Your child needs a full PE kit and they can bring this in on Monday and leave it in their boxes until the end of the week. Please label all clothing as it does help any misplaced items to be returned to their owners.

The Year Two team are looking forward to continuing working with you and your child this year. If you have any queries concerning the letter or wish to contact one of us please phone and arrange an appointment or see us at the end of the school day.

Happy New Year from us all,

Ms Jayawardhana, Ms Claudette, Ms Perpetua and Ms Rayner