

SPRING TERM

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Year 2 - 2026

Please see below for the topics that we intend to cover in Spring 2026.

Our PE lessons will be on Tuesdays and Thursday and **PE kits should be brought into school**. Your child will need their full **named** PE kit of plain white tee-shirt; plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and plain black plimsoles/trainers.

English 	In English this half term we are going to start by studying Jim and the Beanstalk, an alternative version of Jack and the Beanstalk and then Meerkat Mail. This is a wonderful book about how a meerkat finds out how important home can be through travel. We will also be studying Tadpoles Promise and Walk in London. These books give the children many different writing opportunities such as writing postcards, factfiles, diaries and their own version of a story.
Maths 	We will be starting by looking at number, place value and ordering numbers on a number line or using symbols (>, < or =) to compare numbers. We will be moving on to addition and subtraction. Children need to understand that addition is commutative and can be done in any order, but that subtraction cannot. Children will be using number lines to solve calculations, as well as, problem solving. Other topics covered this term will include: multiplication, division, mass, fractions, measurement (mass, money, time, capacity and temperature).
RE 	To begin with this half term, we are exploring the importance of books in our lives and in our church. We will then move on to look at the importance of saying thank you through the Eucharist. After that we will be studying the importance of giving during Lent and the significance of Easter.
Science 	We will be continuing to look at the Uses of Materials and then start our new topic of Plants this term. Children will be observing plants in the local environment and then planting and observing how well plants grow under different conditions.
PSHE 	In PSHE we will be looking at living in the wider world and diverse Britain. We will start off close to home by looking at school and then widen out to the local community, my neighbourhood and my country. By the end of the topic, children will be able to identify what makes them proud of Britain.
Geography 	Year 2 will be comparing the local area to a non-European country (Kenya). They will be able to locate Kenya on a world map or globe and draw a map of Kenya and locate the capital city, some main cities and oceans. They will understand what some aspects of Kenyan life are like and describe some differences and similarities between Kenya and the UK.
History 	Year 2 will be studying significant local historical buildings within Peckham and their impact on the locality. They will create a timeline of locally significant historical buildings. They will also interview a primary source about the impact of the Jones and Higgins building on Peckham.
Art 	The children will be learning about Chromatic Art and creating art chromatic works inspired by this.
Design & Technology	For Design & Technology the children will be designing and making a healthy wrap and then evaluating it.
Computing 	Our focus this term will be on robot algorithms before moving onto creating pictograms digitally.
PE 	In PE this term Year 2 will be focusing on staying fit and healthy through a range of different exercises and games such as gymnastics and tag rugby.
Music 	Year 2 children will be looking at pulse and rhythm this term.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Ms Reyes
Year 2 Class Teacher and the Year 2 team

**St James the Great Catholic Primary School
Year 2**

6th January 2026

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the new term! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas!

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 to 100, knowing the value of a number and be able to place numbers on a number line according to their 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 applying 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?* Please encourage children to practice their mental arithmetic and times tables regularly for free on the Hit The Button website. The link to this is below:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/hit-the-button>

Homework will continue to be given out every week and needs to be returned on Monday. Spellings are sent out in children's spelling books each week and are tested on Tuesdays. 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 will need their full PE kit of plain white tee-shirt; plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and plain black plimsoles/trainers. It is helpful if all their clothing is labelled 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 talk to us at the end of the school day.

Happy New Year from us all,

Ms Reyes, Ms Magda and Ms Brown