

# Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

## Year 2

### English

This half term in English we are learning how to write instructions and defeat the monster narratives. We will be focusing on Francesca Simon as our class author.

Spellings need to be practised each week and children can use Spelling Shed to support them.

Reading is a vital skill, so please listen to your child read each night.

Remember to discuss the book and unfamiliar vocabulary.



### Maths

We cover new topics each half term in maths, but we are constantly revising place value and calculations. Children need to know number bonds to 20 and then to 100.

Year 2 pupils need to be continuously focusing on the 2,5 and 10 times tables. Scratch Garden videos and Super movers will support their recall.

### RE

**Beginnings-** We are looking at creation and how God is present at the beginning of all things including life and new days.

**Baptism - belonging.** Talk to your child about their baptism and why it was such a special day. Share photographs and memories of the day.

**Advent -** We will be learning how Christians prepare for Christmas and how Mary prepared for the birth of Jesus. Talk to your child about your Christmas preparations and how very special the birth of a new baby is.

Topic- Our topic work will be based around:

Fire of London - Please complete some of the homework challenges. We need each child to **make a typical Stuart house** so that we can burn them at the end of our topic. Research the topic - there are many sites including <http://projectbritain.com/calendar/September/fire.html>

Living in habitats - Go on a walk with your child and look at nature. What animals and plants can you see? Can you name any?

Castles- Please complete some of the homework challenges, there are a lot to choose from this

term. Please don't feel you have to complete all of them! Research castles  
<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/castles/defence.htm> may be useful.

Perfect pizzas - Talk about pizza with your child. Look in the shops at typical toppings and where they are sold. Make a pizza with your child.

### Events and things to do:

Make a creation book using the Bible to guide you.

Write a thank you prayer for all the wonderful things we have in our lives.

Make an Advent wreath.



Make a Stuart home

Walk past fire stations - what can you see? Can you get a closer look at a fire engine?

Visit a pizza restaurant or make a pizza with your child.

Visit Skipton castle

Get out and about and see what plants and animals you can find. Make a note of where you see them.

Plant some daffodil bulbs and watch them grow over the course of the year.

See the Visit Manchester website for more details about what is going on.