

# RE



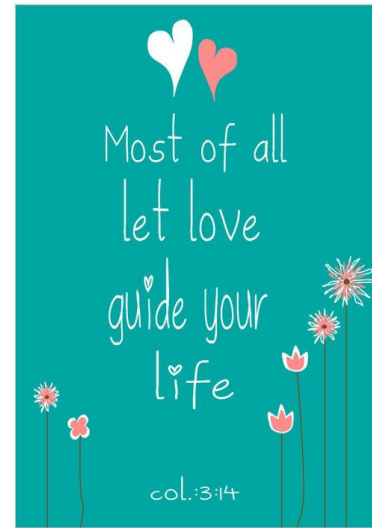
We have begun our learning in RE with a lovely topic about new beginnings, this fits in so well with the children just beginning their journey in Year 2. It teaches them that each day brings a new start and how God is present at every beginning. Our second topic is called 'Signs and Symbols', this, as always, begins with the children thinking about their own experiences and recognising signs and symbols in their world. Their learning is then related to Baptism and some of the signs and symbols used during this. As we move towards Christmas, our final topic is called 'Preparing'.

# DT

Our DT project is all about balloon buggies and we will be making one too! We will be getting to use the DT tools and equipment too! Exciting times to be able to nurture those budding designers.



# Advent Term



# And finally...



**Please remember to:**  
**Read as often as possible at home and write this in the reading record.**  
**Reading books are in on Fridays please and back to you for Friday**  
**Practise common exception words regularly.**

Thank you for your support during the coming year. At Our Lady's we truly value the child, teacher and parent relationship. As we always say we are a school family and when we work as a team amazing things happened for our children. It has been great getting to know you all already so let's keep up the good work! Remember to follow us on Twitter @Y2OLOL . **If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to EMAIL me and I will get back to you as soon as I can.** Thank you so much, **Let's work together at making our children become all they were created to be.**



# Year Two

**Welcome.**

**This term...**

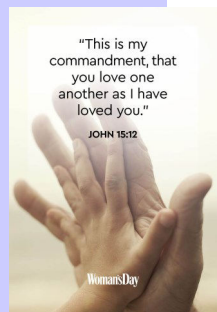
We will be getting to know each other and getting settled into our new classroom. We are loving our new curriculum so far! I am so impressed with what fabulous little learners I have already, I feel truly blessed. They are a beautiful class with a real passion for learning! We go on this journey together helping each other along the way finding our talents and helping them shine. We are starting to learn French too, Très Bien! We are as ever having lesson about National Online Safety and Relationship, health, Social and education too, which helps us to make sense of the world around us.

We can't wait to find these talents and nurture them. Growing together where happiness comes first.

**After half term..**

Our Learning will be linked to Christmas. Exciting times indeed!

**Reading challenge: Please ensure that your child reads at least 4 times a week at home and this is recorded in your child's reading record. This will help your child to make progress in all areas and they will receive a ticket to win a book. We also have a book swap system and story sacks too.**



# Maths

The term begins with the Number system and place value which forms the base for us to build on. Lots of work will be done on number building to really understand the value of numbers. Next the focus shall become on addition and subtraction followed by multiplication and division. These weeks on calculations will include problems solving and new skills that children will apply to various questions. We will complete a topic all about money which involves types of coins, making amounts and problem solving. Our last topic of the term is multiplication and division which involves lots of sequence work, times tables and number problems. **It would be helpful if you could make sure that your child practises their times tables regularly and knows the different coins that we use.**



This term will include lots of practical and problem solving work however, the children will be learning lots of methods and skills to apply to booklet style questions.

# English

English umbrellas our learning of reading, writing, phonics, spelling and handwriting. We will continue to enjoy reading together as a class and also have specific guided reading sessions where the children will learn about different types of books, genres and how to understand what they have read. Please do take time to read with your child at home and fill in their reading record. Writing development is crucial at this stage and we will focus on the children creating grammatically correct sentences, that are punctuated, extended and interesting. Spellings will be a great focus throughout the school this year and your child will be given spellings to learn on a Friday for the following week, your support here would be greatly appreciated. Finally, handwriting is of great importance in Year 2, the aim is to have correctly joined and neatly presented work in all books. This will therefore be taught on a weekly basis with high expectations in all areas of learning. Stories include: Jack and the baked bean stalk, Cinderella, Snow white, Room on a Broom and Beauty and the beast. Also term 2 will be, a focus on Explorers such as Amelia Earhart and the poetry project is Allan Alberg poetry, 'Please Mrs Butler.'



# Science

In science we are looking at Animals including humans which particularly looks at health and hygiene. We will investigate how important exercise is for humans too. The mini scientists will be testing their investigating skills and looking at how humans and animals grow and change.

This projects nurtures scientific enquiry and brings out our children's questioning skills.



# History

In geography and history we are looking Explorers and a project all about what it means to be an explorer. We will be studying the work of famous explorers such as Tim Peake and Christopher Columbus . We also learn about fantastic females such as Amy Johnson and Amelia Earhart whose accomplishments have inspired many. We may ignite a passion to become the next great explorers, who knows!



# Geography

As part of our geography project we will be getting to know our wonderful county of Lincolnshire and comparing this to South Africa. We will be looking and similarities and differences and thinking about how people live.

This project opens our children's eyes to the world around them and helps them to find a place within it.



# Music



Our first music topic is brand new and is based around Pop Music. We will play lots of new percussion instruments and explore melody and pitch. We will listen to and appreciate lots of pop music and make our own piece. Very exciting indeed. We listen to music and dance in the classroom every day as part of our learning.



PE is usually taught on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday**. This term we will be completing a project on Football. We have already begun to perform our movements to one another and it is a fact that we have many future stage stars amongst us! We are so happy that most of the children come in their PE kit to school, please make sure that your child has all the necessary kit and that their **plimsolls or trainers fit correctly**. As the weather changes jogging bottoms are required too. Also, it is advisable for any child with pierced ears to remove their earrings before coming to school on PE days as, for health and safety reasons, we have to cover them if not.

# PE