

## Music

Music is taught by Sound Advice. This term, children will learn how to create rhythms on instruments using two notes.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Children are encouraged to follow their own interests and express themselves through their chosen media. This term children will learn to talk about their creations and explain the process they have used.

## French

French is taught by Mr. Olivier Etienne on Monday. This term children will be learning the topics: Les Quatre Amis (The Four Friends) and ça pousse! (Growing Things).

## Class Library

Class library is on Thursday, please make sure your child brings their library book and stamp sheet to school so it can be exchanged.

## Reading Books

Reading books are changed on Mondays, please send both the reading book and the white reading record book to school.



I hope you find this information to be useful. If you have any queries or problems, do not hesitate to contact me. I hope to see you in or around school soon.

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# FS2 Curriculum Matters

St. Philip Neri with St. Bede: Pentecost Term 2022-23



Mr. Steele Head Teacher

# Welcome to the Pentecost Term in FS2!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Easter! I hope you had a joyous Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine. This is your child's final term in FS2, we will be focusing on getting ready for year 1 through encouraging your child to have increased independence and more time will be spent on reading and writing activities.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child, please feel free to contact or visit me; I'm always happy to help you. The best way to do this is through Class Dojo. If you haven't already signed up to this, I strongly advise that you do so as you'll also receive reminders and key messages from school.

In this Curriculum Matters booklet, you'll find a summary of the main areas of study this term, which I hope you will find useful. If you, or a family member or friend could help in anyway with our learning, do

## Cheeky Challenge

Every term you will receive a Cheeky Challenge to complete at home, this is a fun task to enjoy with your child. This term your Cheeky Challenge is to become a scientist and answer the following question:

At what time of day is your shadow the longest?

Can you carry out an investigation to find out? This could involve measuring your shadow at different times throughout the day, you could even draw around your shadow using chalk.

Let me know your results by: 25/5/23



## RE

This term, our Come & See topics are:

- **Good News** - Sharing the Good News that Jesus has Risen and the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
- **Friends** - Learning how to be a good friend like Jesus, we find out that Jesus is our friend too.
- **Our World** - We think about how we can take care of our world and the creatures we share it with.
- **Hinduism** - We will spend a week learning about Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita.

## Maths

The following aspects of mathematics will be covered this term:

Pentecost 1: To 20 and beyond, First, Then and Now.

Pentecost 2: Find My Pattern, On the Move

Children will be consolidating key skills already learnt this year such as counting, 1:1 correspondence, subitising, comparing and ordering and composition of numbers.

## English

This term in English children will be asked to write sentences independently. They will learn to say their sentence out loud and try to remember the words they need to write by repeatedly saying their sentence and using a sound mat to help them to segment and write words.

## Understanding the World

Through the topic work children will learn about growing plants, the life cycle of a butterfly, how shadows and reflections are made, the importance of recycling and other ecological ideas. We have some real caterpillars to take care of and observe their transformation into a butterfly.



## Topic

This half term, our topics are called Sunshine and Sunflowers and Shadows and Reflections. After Half Term, our topic will be Big Wide World and Splash!



## Phonics

This term, children will be covering Phase 4 of the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds program, they will continue to work on recognising phonemes, digraphs and trigraphs. Children will develop their skills reading longer words and compound words, they will also look at word endings such as -ing, -ed, -ly. Please continue to practice Tricky words and try to read for a few minutes with your child every day, this really does make a difference!

You can access the Little Wandle ebooks online following this link: <https://ebooks.collinsopenpage.com/> Please see me if you need another copy of your login details.



For more information on the Little Wandle Phonics scheme used in school see: <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

## PE

PE will be on a Tuesday so your child will need to wear their PE kit to school.

This half term we are covering Dance, children will develop their expressive movement through the topic of 'places'

