



St Simon and St Jude Church of England Primary School
“Living and Learning in the Eyes of God”
Friendship, Courage, Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Compassion, Respect Psalm
25:4 - *Show me your way, Lord. Teach me your path.*



**Year 2 Spring Term 2025 First Half Mrs Pagett, Mrs Braidley, Mrs
Catesby-Potts.**

Happy New Year! We all hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and took the time to spend time with family, make lovely memories and have a really good rest. January and February can seem a bit blue after all the excitement at the end of the year, but we have got lots of really interesting topics to perk us up this half-term! The mornings will get lighter and Spring will be with us before you know it.

Year 2 Entry into and out of School

The classroom door will open at **08:25** and our first lesson will begin at **08:30**. The school day ends at **15:00**.

Please send your children in from the bottom of the ramp where one of us will be to greet them. Those of you who were with us last year will be familiar with this.

A member of staff will lead the children down the ramp at the end of the day. The children will only be allowed to go with a designated adult in accordance with our school's Health and Safety policy. If, for any reason, you are unable to collect your child, please call Mrs Walters in the office to let us know who has your permission to collect your child.

Physical Education

Year 2 will have Physical Education every Wednesday **day** this half term. Please send children into school wearing the correct P.E uniform (a purple school logo top, black shorts/jogging bottoms and pumps/trainers). Any children with pierced ears should remove earrings and long hair should be tied back.

On Tuesdays we will have forest school. Please make sure your child has wellies and warm clothes.

Homework

At the front of your homework books, you will find a menu of homework activities related to our learning this half term - you can choose which activity you would like to complete **every other week**.

In addition to this, children will receive a worksheet with words taken from the Year 1 and 2 statutory spelling list that should be completed **on a weekly basis**.

Please return your books every **Wednesday** with your completed homework, homework books will then be marked and returned on **Friday**.

Later on in the half term, Mrs Pagett will include some further information on the TimesTables Rockstars programme as this will be used a lot more frequently once we have started our Multiplication and Division unit.

Reading Books

As well as formal homework, children should be reading **every single day**. Reading aloud to a parent for **only a few minutes a day** can have a significant impact on their progress. This should be recorded in your child's reading journal so that we can track areas for development and see when they are ready to move on. We love hearing about how your reading is going at home and really appreciate your support with this!

Books will be changed on a **Monday** and a **Friday**, but if you require a new reading book at **any other time** please do just let us know and we will be more than happy to sort this. We ask that the children place their reading record in the **grey box** in our classroom to be checked every day.

English

We are going to be looking at a new book this term called The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt over the next six weeks, we will be learning how to write to inform and be writing letters.

As part of this unit we will focus on perfecting our use of a **range of punctuation** including capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We will be revisiting writing a **main clause followed by a subordinate clause (because, if, when)**. We will also be looking at using apostrophes to mark singular possession in nouns and using verbs in the progressive form for example the dog **is barking**.

Phonics and Reading

Over the next six weeks, we will be focusing on the following sounds and spellings in our daily Phonics lessons:

Sound	Spellings	Examples
/n/	n, nn, ne, gn, kn	no tinned gone gnome knee
/er/	ar, er, ir, or, ur, ear, our	polar fern skirt work nurse earth favour
/v/	v, vv, ve	viking savvy have

Our two class texts this half term are:

Salty Dogs by Matty Long and Amazing Animal Journeys by Chris Packham.

Maths

For the first two weeks of this term, we will be focusing on Money. The children will be learning to count pounds and pence, and calculating how much change they are owed once they have made their purchases. Following this, we will be starting our Multiplication and Division unit. This is a really crucial stage in Year 2 Maths learning, and it will last a number of weeks to ensure that all of the concepts are covered.

Synopsis of Other Learning in Spring 1

Art: Self Portraits.

Geography: Continents.

History: Victorian Life and Explorers.

DT: Investigation stitches

PE: Gymnastics

RE: Who is a Muslim and how do they live part 2.

PSHE: Keeping Safe.

Snacks and Water

Please send a full, clearly marked water bottle to school each day – water, no squash please! All children will be given a fruit or vegetable snack to eat after their morning break.



Contact Information

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