



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.*



**Class 3 - Year 2 Spring Term 2025 Second Half Mrs Pagett, Mrs
Braidley, Mrs Heap.**

Welcome back everybody! Mrs Pagett hopes that you all had a lovely half term. The mornings are lighter, the days are getting longer and Spring is in sight. We have so many fantastic activities to pack in over the next few weeks. We have World Book Day and for the Year 2 charter event we will be creating our own portraits on canvas. There will be our Easter Church service and Phonics drop-ins before the Easter holidays begin! Please check our school newsletter to stay up to date with all our events.

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

Class 3 will have Physical Education every **Friday** 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.

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**.

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 diary writing this term linked to our History topic The Great Fire of London and the diary of Samuel Pepys. We will be learning how to make our own diary entry as well as writing imaginatively about a diary entry from the past.

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 compound sentences joined with **or**. 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
/oo/	oo, ew, u, ue, u-e, ui, ou, ough	moon chew Ruby blue rude fruit
/j/	g, ge, dge	jam gem huge badge
/g/	g,gg,gh,gu and gue	Big egg ghost guard plague

Our two class texts this half term are:

Wangari's trees of Peace and The Memory Tree.

Maths

For the first part of the half-term, we will be continuing our Multiplication and Division unit. This is a really crucial stage in Year 2 Maths learning. After this, the children will complete some work on measuring. There will be a unit on Mass, Capacity and Temperature followed by a unit on Length and Height.

Synopsis of Other Learning in Autumn 2

Science: Everyday Materials and Plants.

History: The Great Fire of London

Music: Zootime style Reggae

Computing: Data and information – Pictograms.

PE: Attack, Defend and Shoot.

RE: Why does Easter matter to Christians?

PSHE: Rights and respect.

Art: Portraits on canvas.

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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