



Term: Summer 1
2018
Year group: 2

Information for parents

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We trust you had an enjoyable and restful Easter break with your family and loved ones.

Please use the start of the new term to remind your child of their targets and areas to improve with their learning (as shared in parent/teacher consultations on Thursday 19th April 2018).

As we approach the final term of this academic year, we continue to reflect on what we can all do to support the children to achieve their goals and their full potential, particularly as we begin to assess what they have learnt over the whole year.

At Sacred Heart we continue to embrace our approach to **Growth Mindset** by focusing on our school's 8 learning behaviours:

Not giving up (resilience) Being curious Having a go (perseverance)
Co-operating Enjoying learning
Improving Using your imagination (creativity) Concentrating

A key aspect of developing learning behaviours is recognising and rewarding **'effort'** and not simply their achievements. Please bear this in mind when supporting your child and developing the above attitudes to learning at home as well as school.

Please also encourage your child to:

- discuss and share their set homework with you
- organise what they need to complete their homework
- find a quiet area in which to study
- complete homework tasks set to a good standard of presentation and to the best of their ability
- speak to their class or set teacher before the due date if they need assistance or clarification
- hand homework in by the due date.

Here is a brief outline of what your child will be learning about this half term.

Subject	Coverage	Suggestions as to how you can support learning at home
Literacy	Story writing - fiction writing about dragons, princes and princesses.	Read every evening at home with your child. Encourage them to read a range of texts including non-fiction texts. Ask questions - check they understand what they are reading and how to find answers in the text. This half term we will be reading <i>The Dragon Princess</i> by Robert Munsch, <i>The Dragon Machine</i> by Helen Ward and <i>George and the Dragon</i> by Chris Wormell. Please have a look in the library or bookshops for a copy as it would be lovely to encourage the children to read it at home as well as at school.
Numeracy	Your children will be consolidating their learning across all areas this term including addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions. In addition we are introducing them to telling the time.	Please support your child by getting them to practise telling the time on an analogue clock. They should be confident to read o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times as well as in 5 minute intervals. Continue to practise addition and subtraction and times tables with your children.
RE	We are learning about Pentecost and that the gift of the Holy Spirit gives Christians the strength to spread the Good News that Jesus has risen.	Talk to your child about what they learnt during Lent and how this links to their new learning about Pentecost.
Science	We will be learning about the different parts of a plant and their functions as well as the conditions that a plant needs to grow. We will also be planting our own seeds and observing their growth.	Try planting some seeds at home! What do you notice? Go to your local park. How many different plants can you spot? Can you name the different parts?
Topic	Our new geography topic is 'Seasides'	If you would like to learn more at home you could go online or visit your local library.
Computing	We will continue to use Mathletics to support our learning in maths.	Encourage your children to revise all areas of maths by using Mathletics at home.
PE	This term we will be covering Cricket, Tennis and Athletics in P.E	You can assist your child's learning by taking opportunities when and where possible to practise skills with them, signing them up to local clubs (see PE Notice Board for options), watching the different sports together with them (ideally live if possible!).

Music	Recorders	We will be continuing to learn to play the recorder, and basic reading of music notation.
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All teachers at Sacred Heart School follow the homework policy.

In year 2 we will follow this homework timetable:

Subject	Handed out	Due in on	How you can help
Spelling, Maths Facts	Friday	Friday	Practice spellings at home every day. Practise times tables at home and learn the 2x 5x 10x and related division facts by heart.
This will be English based during this half term.	Friday	Friday	This is usually a reading comprehension or spelling related activity.
Reading	Your child will need to have their reading book and reading record book in school every day.		Your child will bring two books home each week. Please take time to read the books carefully with your child and use the question prompt sheets to initiate discussion with your child.

PE is an essential part of the curriculum. We are lucky enough to have specialist teachers and coaches. Please send your child in with his or her PE kit on Monday, and leave it at school until Friday. Please remember that the school rule is that if your child is unable to participate in PE owing to sickness, then they are not well enough to come to school.

PE days for Year 2 are Thursday and Friday.

Please remember to remove your child's earrings.

The before and after school clubs this term are:

CLUBS TIMETABLE-SUMMER 1					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning Session	BREAKFAST CLUB FOOTBALL CLUB Y4/5/6 8.00-8.50AM (£25)	BREAKFAST CLUB CHOIR (8:15-8:50am)		BREAKFAST CLUB	BREAKFAST CLUB FOOTBALL CLUB Yr 1/2/3 8.00-8.50AM (£25)
After School	ORCHESTRA (RK) (Selected pupils) RUNNING CLUB Yrs 3/4/5/6 3.30-4.30PM (£12.50)	SCIENCE CLUB* (KS2 3.30-4.30PM-Mrs Sedda) Italian* (AB) (3.30-4.30pm) COMPUTING* (ES- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.25pm) NETBALL CLUB Yr 4/5 3.30-4.30PM (£25) SWIMMING CLUB Yrs 4/5/6-selection only-£60 5:15pm-6:15pm GYMNASTICS* (3.30-4.30pm)	CRAFT CLUB* (D.M-Hall) CRICKET LEAGUE- invitation only (3.30-5.30PM) ATHLETICS CLUB Yr 1/2/3 3.30-4.30PM (£25) SQUASH CLUB** (Invitation only)	SCIENCE CLUB* (KS1 3.30-4.30PM-Mrs Sedda) BASKETBALL CLUB Y4/5/6 3.30-4.30PM (£25) CHOIR (JC-3.30-4.30pm) COMPUTING* (ES- Old ICT Suite- 3.30-4.25pm) GYMNASTICS* (3.30-4.30pm)	INDOOR ATHLETICS Y4/5 3.30-4.30PM (£12:50) GIRLS FOOTBALL Yr 4/5/6 3.30-4.30PM (£12:50) TENNIS CLUB Yr 4/5/6 3:30-4:30pm (£25) HOMEWORK CLUB** (JB-3:30-4:40PM)

Please make payments in advance at the school office.

* Those marked with an asterisk are run by outside providers and their charges may vary. Please refer to individual club letters that go home, speak to the providers directly or alternatively speak to a member of the school office for more details.

** Those marked with a double asterix are free. There is no charge.

Please feel free to make an appointment with your child's class teacher at any time should you wish to discuss progress, attainment or welfare.

Kind regards,

Miss Henderson and Mrs Christie
Class Teachers