



Welcome to FCJ

Year 2

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Expectations for Year 2

- * The beginning of the school year is a time for remembering FCJ expectations e.g. listening, taking turns when speaking, taking responsibility for their belongings.
- * The children have made a wonderful start and we would appreciate it if you could encourage your child in these areas.
- * Your children are now the top of KS1 so we are working on being good role models for the younger children.

Uniform Reminders



- * Hats and blazers must be worn to school every day (except PE days). Navy blue coats are permitted on cold or wet weather days.
- * Please ensure pupils wear full school uniform and that shirts are tucked in.
- * School bags must be either FCJ specific or plain navy blue. Please can key rings be kept to one on each bag only.
- * White trainers and white socks are required on tracksuit days (ankles to be covered, no trainer socks please). **Plimsolls must be kept in school, as these are used each week for PE lessons and assemblies.**
- * On PE days, children to come to school each morning and leave school each evening in their **full tracksuits.**
- * Jewellery is not permitted, with the exception of one watch (this must not be a Smart Watch) and one pair of plain earrings.
- * Uniform must be named.
- * Please encourage your child to be an independent dresser. We would like the children to practise tying shoelaces, ties and belts.

A curriculum newsletter is sent out at the start of every term.

RE

Our topics in RE this term will be Creation and Catholic Social Teaching. The children's learning will focus on understanding that God works through His people to protect His beautiful creation.

English

We are very excited to start our 'Castles and Knights' topic. The children will learn how to create a character description based on the castle stories we will be reading in class. The children will also learn how to construct their own traditional tale. They will be taught how to use expanded noun phrases, exclamation marks and questions marks.

Maths

In Maths, we will be deepening the children's knowledge and understanding of number within place value, addition and subtraction. There will be a particular focus on developing the children's problem-solving skills and their mental arithmetic.

Science

This term, the children will investigate the properties of different materials and sort them into groups. They will also explore the everyday uses of a range of materials through a variety of experiments.

PE

This term our focus will be fundamental skills. This will involve skipping, roping and jumping to improve gross motor skills. The children will just need to wear their normal PE kit on both days. Learning how to tie shoelaces before this lesson will be helpful! Netball and Football will be next term.

Welcome back!

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 2 at FCJ! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and share with you some of the exciting things that we will be learning about during the next term.

Year 2 Termly Newsletter



We have outlined below key points to ensure a successful term ahead:

- Homework will be sent home on Monday and due in on the Friday. Reading books will be given out on a Monday. Weekly spelling tests will take part on a Friday, and English and Maths cards will be checked regularly.
- Please ensure all children have full uniform, which is clearly labelled. Children must have an apron for their Art session, which will remain in school.
- White trainers are required for all PE sessions. Plimsolls should be kept in school. Spare outdoor PE kit must also be kept in their school locker.
- Children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE lessons, for health and safety reasons and must be able to remove them by themselves. Children also need to bring in a coat on PE days to wear over their PE tracksuits when it is cold.
- **Year 2 PE days are Monday and Tuesday.**
- Please ensure that your child arrives promptly to school; the register closes at 8.50am. Please also ensure that pick up is prompt for both home time (3pm for Key Stage One), and after school activity clubs (KS1 activity clubs 4.00pm).
- We are a nut free school. The children may have a snack during morning break and eat lunch between 11.50 and 12.20. If your child attends an FCJ activity club, they may eat a small snack before this begins.

Creative Curriculum

Our topic this term will be 'Castles and Knights'. We will learn about the physical properties of castles and find out about kings and queens from the past. We will be learning about life inside a castle, including what people ate and the jobs they did. During Autumn Term 2, the children will participate in a Castles topic day in school – start thinking about your costume for this day as it will be a day to celebrate our learning.

Computing

In computing this term, the children will learn to recognise common uses of information technology beyond school, including shops and banks. They will also learn about the different parts of a computer and why they are important.

Music

The children will learn a variety of songs/raps and will focus on the concepts of pulse, rhythm and pitch with the percussion instruments.

French

French will be taught by Ms Salmon. The children will continue to develop their French skills and will learn to count to 20 and answer the question 'How are you?' through a variety of fun songs and practical games.

Autumn Term Trip

We are planning a visit to Gorey castle linked to our Creative topic of Castles and Knights. More information to follow.

English Cards

- *In Year 2 each child has a card with key words to read and spell (**Bronze reading and spelling card**). When children complete their Bronze badge, they will be given a (**Silver card**) to start to learn a new set of words.
- *Some children will be continuing to work towards their Phonics badge and will have an additional card with the required phonic sounds (**Phonics card**).
- *The aim is for every child is to read and write these words independently within their written work.
- *There are celebration certificates and badges for when these cards have been completed.

Maths Card

- The children will be given a times tables card.
- These can be worked on at home but will also be part of our Maths lessons in Spring Term.
- These will be checked/tested on a Friday.



Homework Example

Reminders

Homework books can be returned once the work is completed but must be handed in by **Friday**. We would ask that the children complete homework neatly **and with a pencil**.

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Maths

Can you show different ways of representing the number 28? An example for number 15 is below.

Spellings

Moon Focus on/n/ spelt 'kn' sound	Star Focus on <u>ay ee igh</u>
knock	play
know	away
knitting	green
knee	high
knife	see

RE Vocabulary

This box is for different vocabulary we will be using in different subjects. Please encourage your child to share what they have been learning in RE this week.



Noah
Jonah
Ark



Name: _____

Number Concepts

Using the number in the center, show different ways to represent that number.

Example

$10 + 5$	fifteen	$18 - 3$	
	15 Number		
		$12 + 3$	

You can use words, numbers, tens and ones, base ten, coins, dominos to show your findings.

Homework

Monday

Handed out on Monday to be completed over the course of the week

Please note homework books need to be returned on Friday to enable us to mark and stick in the following weeks activity.

Homework sheet with spellings and English or Maths task.

On-going practise

Times Tables card
Phonics/Spelling cards

Reading new books sent home on a Monday

Friday

Spelling test in class.

Times tables cards are checked regularly in class. Please note we will begin this w/b 11th September.

Top Tip!

Little and often works best.
Focus on the child and their needs!

Reading

- *When reading with your child please focus on expression, fluency and their comprehension of the text.
- *Please ensure that you are reading with your child during the week and making a record of this in their reading records.
- *Please make positive comments in your child's reading diary. If you have a concern about reading, please come and see us to discuss this further.
- *We also encourage the children to make a comment in their reading journal from time to time.

Pencil Cases

*The children may have a pencil case if they wish but we have table pots with all the stationary they need and pencil cases are not essential.

*We ask that only the essentials are included in the pencil case: pencils, rubber, ruler and a sharpener. Please leave any colours or felt tips at home as we will provide these if needed.

*Pencil cases must fit into their tray.

*If at any point the pencil case is distracting the children from their learning it will be given to you at the end of the day and then it will need to stay at home.

We appreciate your support with this.



Snacks/Lunch



- * Please remember we are a nut-free school. This includes spreads such as Nutella and pesto sauce.
- * Your child **must** have a water bottle in school, which they are able to re-fill at set points during the day.
- * Morning snack should be a healthy snack, such as fruit or vegetables. Other snacks (crisps / biscuits should be eaten at lunchtime). We will always encourage the children to pick their healthy option at break.
- * At lunch, children are encouraged to eat their savoury options first. Please ensure they have all utensils required for their lunch, as we are unable to provide cutlery etc.

What a fantastic start!

- *We are delighted with the way the children have settled into Year 2 so far.
- *We are looking forward to an action packed and exciting year ahead.
- *Thank you for all your support!
- *When we work together we will make a great team!