

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

Where every child is special



Year Two Spring 2025

Making **S=P+A+C+E** for learning

Our learning in Year 2

At St. Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School we have just one school rule, our **Golden Rule**:

We treat others as we would like to be treated

We reflect on this in school each week through our **GOLDEN THREADS**: 10 ways in which we can understand and follow our **Golden Rule**



We build our resilience and foster our mental health and wellbeing by **Making S=P+A+C+E for ME**



At St Thomas' we celebrate who we are by making

S=P+A+C+E for **EVERYONE**

A celebration of belonging, of uniqueness and community

EVERYONE is welcome here

As part of our School family, as part of God's world.

Who is everyone?

EVERYONE ...

Different and unique
Equal and respected
Loved and belongs

YOU are **EVERYONE**

Based on Paul's letter to the Corinthians 12:1-31



A St Thomas' Learner makes **S=P+A+C+E** for their learning

We believe that **St Thomas' Learners** can achieve **S**uccess through **P**erseverance together with a really positive **A**ttitude, **C**onfidence and, of course, **E**ffort.

Throughout this year we will be working on the Learning skills that lie behind these key attitudes to help each of us to improve as learners and to make the most of every opportunity that comes our way – our **S=P+A+C+E** skills.

Perseverance

A St Thomas' Learner...

NEVER GIVES UP

TRIES AND TRIES AGAIN

Isn't afraid to get things wrong

Is resilient

Always gets involved and has a go

A positive, can-do Attitude

A St Thomas' Learner...

BELIEVES IN THEMSELVES

Has a GROWTH mindset

Wants to take part

Is always optimistic

Encourages others

LOVES LEARNING

Confidence

A St Thomas' Learner...

Is happy

Knows they CAN

Believes in the power of yet

LEARNS FROM THEIR MISTAKES

Is happy to share

Knows they are valued and loved

Effort

A St Thomas' Learner...

Is always ready to learn

listens

Isn't distracted

Makes good use of time

WORKS IN THEIR CHALLENGE ZONE

Learning in Year 2

Learning Link:

Our Learning Link, through which most of our learning will take place, is ***Heroes and Heroines***.

Special Events:

Please see the Annual Calendar, website and the Weekly News for all the dates for the term ahead

Monday 6 th January	Back to school
Wednesday 8 th January	Whole School Mass
Thursday 23 rd January	Florence Nightingale workshop
Friday 24 th January	2D Forest School
Friday 31 st January	2R Forest School
Friday 31 st January	Open Afternoon
Thursday 6 th February	Year 2 to St. Pius for Mass
Monday 10 th February	Remote parent consultation meetings
Tuesday 11 ^h February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12 th /Thursday 13 th February	Lifespace visit
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Wednesday 26 th February	Parent consultation meetings
Monday 3 rd March	Book Week
Friday 7 th March	St. Rose Class Worship
Friday 14 th March	INSET Day
Friday 21 st March	St. Dorothy Class Worship
Friday 28 th March	Open Afternoon
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 2 S=P+A+C+E Challenge and Celebration day
Friday 4 th April	End of Term – 2pm

Key skills we are focusing on:

Our new **S=P+A+C+E Skills, including:**

- Being accurate
- Going deeper
- Risk taking

Challenge and Celebration:

The children will enjoy a day full of activities, including making a lamp inspired by Florence Nightingale and making a healthy dish fit for a hero. They can dress up as their very own hero, heroine or superhero for the day!

Homework:

Reading: Some children will continue to bring home a Little Wandle book to share with you over the weekend. This is a celebration of their reading during the week. These books must be returned every Monday. If your child leaves the Little Wandle programme then they will bring home a book more frequently. During the week, the children will bring home a library book that they will have chosen to promote a love of reading. Please can these be returned on Fridays. If your child does not finish their reading for pleasure book and would like to keep it for longer then please do and return it the following Friday. Whenever your child reads to you, please record it in their reading record book. These will be monitored every Monday.

Spellings: The children will continue to get weekly spelling homework every Tuesday. The children are expected to practise the words throughout the week using the grid provided and write at least 3 sentences using the words/rule given for teachers to check. Please hand in homework on the following Monday. A dictation on the spelling words will take place on Monday morning

Maths: Every fortnight the children will get Maths homework on a Friday. This will often be a fun activity to complete at home to reinforce learning at school or key ideas. Please work on the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables with your children when possible including the division facts.

Resources:

Please could the children have a **named glue stick** for the start of the new term. They also need a named art apron or old shirt.

Contacts:

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Year 2 Spring Medium Term Plan	
Learning Link: Heroes and Heroines	This term will be focusing on the skills needed to be super writers through our Heroes and Heroines topic. We will study important figures and learn about the changes in nursing by looking at the lives of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell and compare these to modern day nurses. We will look at traditional tales and use these to inform our own contemporary stories. In Art and Design we will look at a local hero, E. H Shepard and illustrate in his style. The children will be learning how to keep healthy as heroes and heroines do!
RE	Galilee to Jerusalem Desert to Garden
English	<p><u>Reading</u> Class Texts: Rabbit & Bear: Rabbit’s Bad Habits by Julian Gough and Jim Field Collins Children’s Picture Atlas by Steve Evans (illustrator)</p> <p>Reading for Pleasure Text: Marv and the Pool of Peril by Alex Falase-Koya</p> <p><u>Writing</u> Listen, respond and ask relevant questions Write a recount Listen to and retell a traditional tale Write a traditional tale Share superhero stories Write a story Write a diary entry from another person’s point of view</p> <p>Apply phonic knowledge and known spelling rules to read and write Listen to, discuss and express views about texts Discuss the sequence of events in books Learn to use paragraphs to organise writing</p>

	<p>Use conjunctions to extend ideas</p> <p>Focus on use of adjectives to improve writing</p> <p>Use a variety of punctuation to engage the reader</p>
Maths	<p>Shape</p> <p>Multiplication</p> <p>Division</p> <p>Statistics</p> <p>Fractions</p> <p>Time</p>
Science	<p>Human and animal growth and development</p> <p>Lifecycles of animals, butterflies and frogs</p> <p>Healthy eating</p> <p>Exercise</p> <p>Parts of a plant</p>
Art	<p>Painting a superhero</p> <p>Pen and Ink illustration</p>
DT	<p>Designing and making a healthy salad</p>
Computing	<p>Online safety</p> <p>2 Simple bar chart</p> <p>Robot mouse</p>
History	<p>Nurses from the past: Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell</p> <p>Sources of evidence</p> <p>Compare life in different periods</p>
Geography	<p>Florence Nightingale's journey to Scutari</p> <p>Locate Caribbean on a world map</p> <p>Make comparisons between Kingston, Jamaica and Guildford</p>
PSHE – Learning for Life	<p>Online Safety</p> <p>Keeping myself safe</p> <p>Rights and responsibilities</p> <p>Looking after the environment</p>
Modern Foreign Languages – French	<p>Days of the week</p> <p>Vegetables</p> <p>Shape and size</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Easter</p>
Music	<p>This term we continue to have two music lessons a week, in which we continue to explore the concept of pitch through the use of gross body movements to show high and low and then 3 pitches as high, middle and low. The children are introduced gradually to the notion of the five line stave using first one and two line staves, then the giant floor stave and then their hand staves. Children will identify two note songs using singing names of so and mi to replace high and low and learn the solfa hand signs. They will then join the singing names to our rhythm names and stick notation of ta and ti-ti to sight read, perform and compose using rhythmic solfa.</p> <p>The children will learn hymns for School Masses, Prayer Services and Class Worships.</p>
PE	<p><u>Fitness</u></p> <p>Describe how my body feels during exercise. Show hopping and jumping movements with some balance and control. Show determination to continue</p>

working over a longer period of time. Understand that exercise is good for the body and mind and how it can help with a healthy lifestyle.

Gymnastics

Explore and perform gymnastic actions (pencil/straight, tuck, star, pike, dish and arch) and still shapes.

Copy, create and link movement phrases with beginnings, middles and ends.

Net and wall

Development of racket skills and control. Next skill step is to return a ball with two hands on the racket. Accurately hit the ball over the net and play against an opponent.