



ST LUKE'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break. Year 2 is an exciting year filled with lots of learning, new experiences and plenty of fun along the way. We will encourage the children to become more independent, confident and resilient as they continue to develop their skills and prepare for the next stage of their learning journey. I am delighted to be working with your children and look forward to making this a happy, successful and memorable year for them. I have included some more information about myself in the introduction below, so you and your child can get to know me better.

This year, alongside myself, we are delighted to welcome Mr. Manktelow, who will be joining us as an Initial Teacher Training (ITT) student. We will also be supported in the classroom by Mrs. Tataria and Mrs. Maca, who will work closely with the children throughout the year.

Here is an overview of our planned curriculum for the first Autumn term.

English Sentence structure	Maths Place value Addition and subtraction
History Local history	Science Habitats
Geography Local area	Computing Computing systems and networks - IT around us
PE Fundamentals Net and wall games	Art Henri Rousseau
Music Hands, feet and heart.	Learning for Life Me and my relationships
RE What is the good news that Christians believe Jesus brings? (Gospel)	

Reading Books and Diaries

Reading is at the heart of what we do at St Luke's, and it is especially important in Year 2 as children continue to develop their fluency, confidence and comprehension skills. We ask that children read regularly at home with an adult at least 3 times a week (this only needs to be a few pages) and this is recorded in their diary. Children will receive one house point if they read three times and 2 house points if they read 6 times in a week.

Please talk about the book with your child, asking questions about what they have read and encouraging them to explain their ideas. Once your child has read their book twice and shared it with an adult at home, they can return it to the designated box in the classroom and choose a new book. When the children move onto longer books, they need only complete their book once.

Developing regular reading habits at home will support your child's learning across the curriculum and help them become confident, enthusiastic readers.

PE - Monday and Wednesday

Children should come to school in their PE uniform (tracksuit with trainers; no football kits or clothes with logos, please). Clothing should be suitable for the weather, as some sessions will be outside. Long hair is to be tied up, and earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons.

Spellings

Children will be given their weekly spellings every Friday in their spelling books. They will have the week to practise these spellings at home, ready for their spelling test the following Friday. The test will take place in a separate book in school. Regular practice at home will help children to build their confidence and develop their spelling skills.

Times Tables Rock Stars

This year, children will have access to Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS), with their own individual login details. TTRS is a fantastic, fun and engaging way for children to practise and develop their times tables skills. Regular use at home will help build their confidence, fluency and speed with multiplication facts.

Library

Children can borrow books from our library regularly. Please return library books after three weeks. Our first library visit will be in the week commencing 7th September.

As always, if you have any concerns, you can contact us via the school office, either by phone or email, or you can see me directly after school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Cheyney

MEET THE TEACHER



ABOUT ME:

HELLO! MY NAME IS **MISS CHEYNEY**, AND I AM SO EXCITED TO BE YOUR TEACHER THIS YEAR. THIS IS MY FIFTH YEAR HERE AT ST. LUKE'S, AND **SEVENTEENTH** YEAR TEACHING.

▶ IN MY FREE TIME I LOVE **HIKING**,
TRAVELLING, **PADDLEBOARDING**,
WATCHING **FOOTBALL** AND MAKING
THINGS ON MY **CRICUT**.

I KNOW WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT YEAR TOGETHER. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOUR CARERS
▶ SOON AND GETTING TO KNOW YOU
MORE

MY FAVOURITES:

HOBBY: **HIKING**
SNACK: **PERCY PIGS**
DRINK: **DIET COKE**
SPORT: **PICKLE BALL**
FOOTBALL TEAM: **NEWCASTLE UNITED**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE ME AFTER SCHOOL OR LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH THE OFFICE. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.

MISS CHEYNEY