

**St.Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School**  
**Home School Partnership News**  
**Year 2 Summer 2**

# English

Our English text this term is Claude on Holiday by Alex T. Smith

We will be writing our own story about Claude.

We will also be creating our own sea creature and writing fact files about them.

Our focus will be on creating a story with a clear beginning, middle and end and writing consistently in the past tense.

In reading lessons, we will focus on building stamina for reading longer texts.



**At  
school,  
we will**

Listen to your child read everyday and ask them questions about what they have read. Check for understanding and create discussion about the story.

Read your child a bedtime story. This is a great way to help your child to enjoy reading.

Join the library and give your child a chance to regularly choose and borrow new books to read.

**At home,  
you can  
help by:**

Nessy—excellent reading and spelling game. Your child has their own login.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/libraries>

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

**This could  
help:**

# Mathematics

Maths in Year 2 we follow the Power Maths mastery approach.  
This half term we are particularly focusing upon -

Time—solving problems involving duration of time.

Weight, capacity and temperature—learning to read and compare weight, capacity and temperature.

Efficient methods—consolidating methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and choosing different appropriate methods for different types of question.

Regularly practising times tables. And counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

Give your child practical experience of measuring weight and capacity through cooking or baking.

Give your child opportunities to practice addition, subtraction and number skills in everyday life. For example: Let them choose the correct coins to pay. Ask them to split things into halves and quarters.

Numbots.com—your child has their own login.

Ttrockstars.com—login the same as numbots.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/> - a great range of maths games.

# Religious Education

## Our Church

Children will learn what makes The Church a community and a special place to pray. They will learn about what is found in a church and what we do and why when we visit church.

## The Mass

Children will learn what happens during Mass. They will focus on the similarities and differences between the priest and Jesus at different stages of the Mass. They will explore the words of key prayers used during Mass.

Attend Mass each week.

Pray with your child and discuss how they can make good choices and be who God wants them to be.

Read a children's bible and discuss the events with your child.

Read the Weekly Word and weekly Children's liturgy sheets posted online and talk about the readings and Gospel accounts from each weekly mass.

Important dates:

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# Science

## Habitats

Children will learn about different local and global habitats. They will learn why certain animals and plants live in different habitats and how they are adapted to suit these habitats.

Children will visit Twycross Zoo to see animals in different habitats and how they are adapted to suit their habitats.

Discuss animals that may live in our local habitats and compare them to habitats of another country.

Create a bug hotel and observe the animals that come and visit.

Research a habitat that interests your child and find out about the unique animals and plants that live there.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6svr82>—Brilliant videos and activities.

<https://wowscience.co.uk/> - Online games, facts, videos and activities.

# Humanities

## Ocean Explorers

In history we will do an in depth investigation into the life of Grace Darling and her significance today.

## Geography

In Geography we will learn about the creation of maps and how to record different features. We will create our own treasure map.

**At school,  
we will  
learn:**

Look at an Atlas or online map with your child and discuss places they have been and places they know. Choose a place to find more out about.

Research Grace Darling and discuss what makes her important. What facts can you find out about her life?

**At home,  
you can  
help by:**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/true-stories-grace-darling/z4y7pg8>

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/browse/atlas—>  
Online kids Atlas

**This could  
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# Arts

## Watercolours

We will look at lots of different examples of watercolour paintings and create our own sea painting.

## Design Technology

We will design and make a small boat and test to see if we can make it float.

Create your own junk model boat.

Encourage your child to sketch and paint things they see and to be creative with their drawings.

Visit the Herbert Art Gallery. They have an excellent range of free exhibitions.

[https://twitter.com/mrs\\_darl?lang=en—great](https://twitter.com/mrs_darl?lang=en—great)  
examples for arts and crafts activities.

[https://www.theherbert.org/whats\\_on/family—](https://www.theherbert.org/whats_on/family—)  
events and workshops for families.