



# Knights Templar Community Church School and Nursery

*Work at it with all your heart*

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Dear Mandela Class Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new year. It has been a pleasure to get to back to school and work with your children. They have been great at settling back into our class routines after the craziness of Christmas.

## PE

Mandela Class will have PE on a Friday morning starting next week. Please send your child into school wearing **their PE kit on this day**. Their school jumpers and black or navy leggings or tracksuit bottoms may be worn when the weather is cold. Please do not send your child in wearing non-school jumpers on these days.

## Explorers

Mandela Class will have Explorers on Tuesday afternoons. They will not change their whole uniform but will need a pair of outdoor shoes (walking boots or wellies) and a waterproof coat on this day. If they have waterproof trousers or overalls, they may wear these for Explorers.

## Swimming

Class swimming will take place next half term on a Monday afternoon.

## Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on the Mandela Class Google Classroom. The tasks are due the following Friday and will include:

- Daily reading – 5 minutes minimum a day. Please ensure your child's home school journal and book is in school every day, so we are also able to listen to the children read;
- Maths – 5 minutes a day on TTRS or completing a multiplication sheet;
- Spelling – One column on the sheet should be completed each day of the school week. Please return it to class on Fridays. There is an optional online spelling activity using Spelling Frame, which the children enjoy;
- There will also be an optional activity from the National Trust's **50 Things to do before you're 11 ¾**. These are outdoor activities that you could complete as a family. Your child could bring in a photo of the activity or talk about it during their Show and Tell slot.

TaP time is an additional play time for Key Stage 2 on Friday afternoons. If children are not completing their homework at home, we will ask them to complete it during TaP time on Friday afternoons.

### **Show and Tell**

To help develop the speaking and listening skills of our Key Stage 2 children at Knights Templar, I will invite the children from Mandela Class to do a Show and Tell presentation once a half term. In Mandela Class, these will take place on Friday afternoons. Your child will be allocated a Friday during this half term when they will need to be ready to do their presentation – please see the attached timetable. They could bring in a special object from home to talk about or they could talk about an event or activity they have enjoyed – bringing in a photo or attaching it to the Google Classroom. The talk will only need to be 2-4 minutes long and then we will invite the class to ask 3 questions about the presentation. **We are asking that children do not bring in toys from home for their show and tell.**

### **Discovery Zone**

Most afternoons, Mandela Class will be learning their topics using a child-led approach. This means that they will take ownership of their learning within the topics studied at school. To enable this to be possible, we need to collect your recyclable materials from home: kitchen roll tubes, small cardboard boxes, cereal boxes etc. Please bring these items in as often as you collect them. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Finally, please see the attached curriculum map for an overview of the Spring's topics. If you have any skills or knowledge related to our Topic Web and you would be willing to come in to school to share this, we would warmly welcome you.

Also, if you have any questions, **please do not hesitate to contact me at school.** The children of Mandela Class will benefit greatly from a consistent dialogue between home and school.

I am really looking forward to the rest of the school year and I hope that your child is too.

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