

St. Philip's Catholic Primary School
Year 2
Autumn Term 2026



Saint Bernadette

Parent Information Booklet

Learning Journey

Welcome to the new school year.

We are all looking forward to an exciting term ahead!

In the Autumn Term, Year 2's Learning Journey will be: *Lakes and Lochs*.

Children will learn all about the Loch Ness Monster and the Great Fire of London.

English

Our topic this term is called **Lakes and Lochs** and this will be the focus of our English lessons. We shall be looking at fiction and non-fiction books for the children to develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. We shall also be looking at diary entries, newspaper reports, story writing, character descriptions and poetry.

As usual, the children will be bringing home reading books to share with you - it is really important that they have a clear understanding of what they are reading. Children will participate in guided reading sessions throughout the term as well as comprehension tasks, to ensure that they have a full understanding.

Mathematics

The areas covered in maths this term will be:

- Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Shape

The children will build on their previous learning in Year 1, consolidate their skills and develop them further with an emphasis on a range of methods.

Religious Education

The branches covered in Autumn are:

Creation and Covenant – the story of Noah and Noah's covenant with God.
Prophecy and Promise – St. Luke and John the Baptist.

History & Geography

In Autumn Term 1 pupils will study Geography and in Autumn Term 2 pupils will study History.

In Geography, we will look at our local area of Uckfield and make comparisons to Scotland. We will also look at the human and physical features of our local area and collect evidence to evaluate what Uckfield is like.

In History, we will learn about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot, religion during the Stuart era and why some still celebrate Bonfire Night.

Science

In Science, we will be covering the topics of Growth and Survival and Everyday Materials. Growth and Survival includes learning about animals and their offspring, how humans change as they grow and what animals and humans need to survive. Everyday Materials includes identifying and sorting materials, identifying natural and man-made materials and how different materials are suited to different purposes.

Art & DT

- In Art, children will make marks with rollers and print with a range of hard and soft materials e.g. corks, pen barrels and sponge. This will culminate with a Tartan sash design.
- In DT, children will think about pivots, levers and linkages to make a moving monster.

Physical Education

Children will be working on their attacking, defending and shooting skills within a range of sports. They will also will be focussing on their balancing, travelling and rolling skills in gymnastics.

Music

In music lessons we will be following the Music Express scheme. Our music topics this term are: *Water, Ourselves, Toys and Storytime*. They include exploring sound, beat, rhythm and pitch with opportunities to compose simple pieces of music using voices and percussion.

PSHE: Personal, Social and Health Education

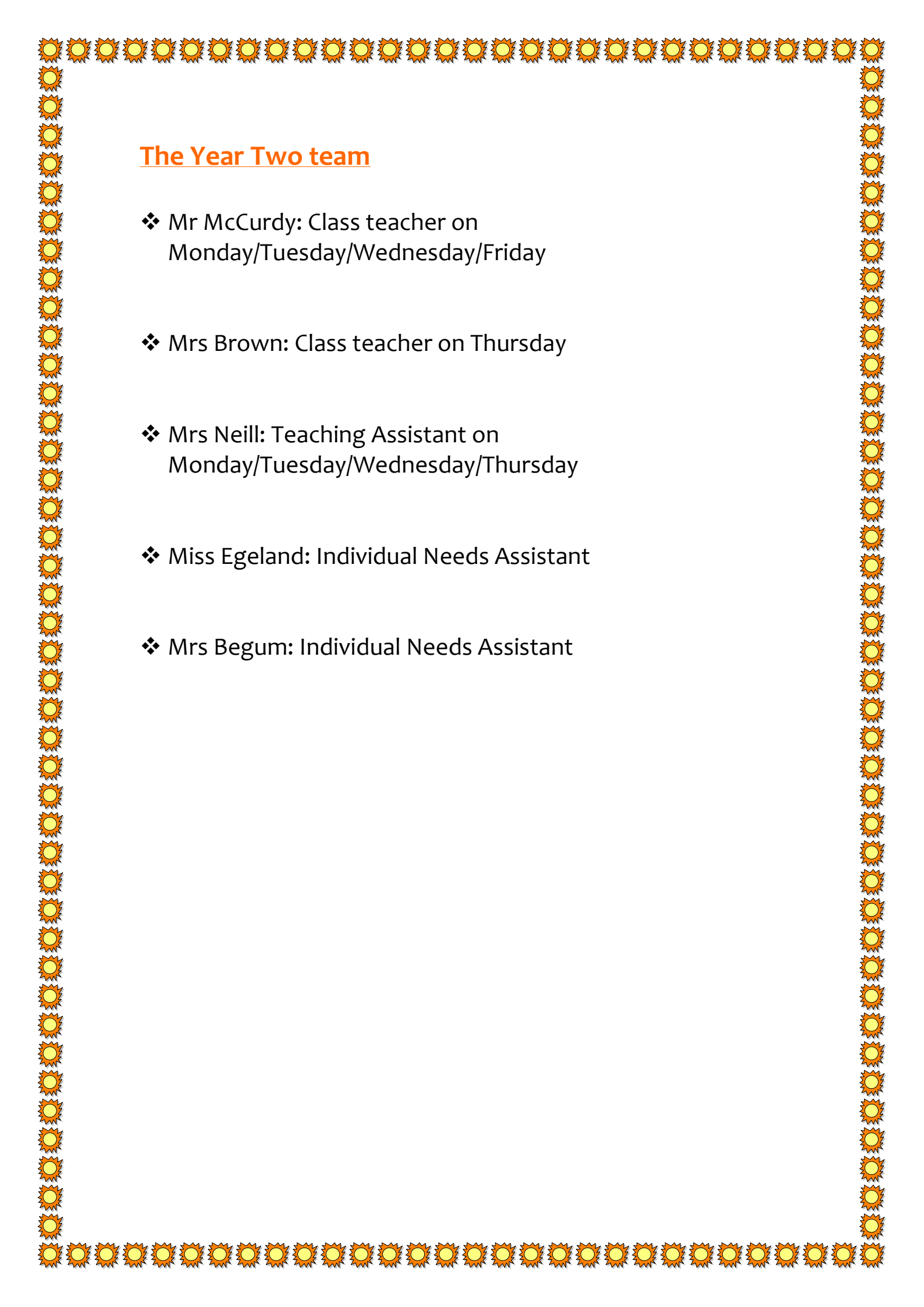
We continue to follow our PSHE scheme called Ten:Ten which is a Catholic faith-based scheme through which the units are taught. During the Autumn term we teach the first module 'Created and Loved by God'. This unit helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.

Computing

The scheme we are following is called 'Teach Computing'. Our topics this term are Information Technology Around Us and Digital Photography. We also teach the importance of e-safety as an on-going theme throughout our topics.

Homework

On a Friday, homework will be given out. This will consist of weekly spellings and a maths task. Homework should be completed by the following Wednesday. In addition to this, children should also be reading daily.



The Year Two team

- ❖ Mr McCurdy: Class teacher on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday
- ❖ Mrs Brown: Class teacher on Thursday
- ❖ Mrs Neill: Teaching Assistant on Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
- ❖ Miss Egeland: Individual Needs Assistant
- ❖ Mrs Begum: Individual Needs Assistant