

Curriculum Overview



Year 2
Autumn B 2023



Key Areas of Learning

As **Scientists**, we will be learning about 'Materials'. We will look at a range of natural and man-made materials. Investigating wood and paper, glass and plastic, metal and fabric. We will be investigating properties of the materials and which ones bend, squash, stretch and twist.

As **Designers**, we will be investigating Christmas Stockings and designing a Christmas Stocking of our own. We will learn about and handle fabric, cutting and shaping it, and then we will have a go at sewing a simple stitch around the edge, before we evaluate our finished product.

As **Historians**, we will be investigating Remembrance Day and asking the question 'Why is Remembrance an important day for us to remember?' We will look at the First World War and use evidence to think about what life was like for the soldiers and for the children at home. We will then find out about Walter Tull and Edith Cavell and discuss why they are significant names linked to WW1.

ENGLISH

The book we will be focusing on, in our Reading lessons, this half term, will be 'Moth' by Isobel Thomas. In our Writing lessons, we will be learning about and writing a recount based on our trip to St. Mary's Church. We will be focusing on paragraphs, time openers and accurate sentences.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths we will be finishing off our learning of addition and subtraction by using the column methods, then we will move onto investigating shape – describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, counting vertices, edges and faces and completing shape patterns with symmetry.

RE

In RE our key question is 'Why is Christmas important to Christians?' We will investigate the Christmas story and learn about advent, and think about what Christians are waiting for.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be focusing on 'Celebrating Differences'. We will look at stereotypes, and how these first thoughts about people can often be very wrong.

Computing

Computing will include becoming more familiar with the keyboard and looking at coding, and what algorithms are.

PE

In PE, we will be improving our gymnastics skills, combining balances and rolls to make a sequence. We will also be learning about attacking and defending in games.

Music

We will be focusing on listening to and appraising different pieces of music then we will learn a song of our own to sing in a group.

Our Class Value

Our class value is love. We are thinking about how important it is to show love to everyone around us and how we can show the value of love in our school community.

Curriculum Enrichment

At the end of this half term we will be linking with King David's school to learn all about Hanukkah – we will do some activities with the Year 2 children there, including baking and story telling.

Weekly Homework

Homework is set every Friday on Purple Mash and Class Dojo. We have spellings to learn for a dictation test the following week. There is also a quiz to help with the spellings, as well as maths activities and multiplication practise on Times Table Rock Stars.

Homework Project

Our optional homework project is for the children to choose from any of the topics we are covering this half term – they can produce a piece of work of their choice using any style or medium they would like to work with.