

Curriculum Overview



Year 2
Autumn B 2022



Key Areas of Learning

As **Scientists**, we will be learning about 'Living Things and their habitats'. We will look at a range of animals and living things, comparing living things that are alive and dead to things that have never been alive. We will look at what characteristics all living things have and we will investigate a variety of habitats, micro habitats and food chains.

As **Designers**, we will be investigating finger puppets and designing a finger puppet 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 Power of 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 money and working out 2 step problems to calculate amounts spent and then give change. We will finish the term with multiplication and division.

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 on a Thursday, 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.