

## English

**Writing:** We have so many wonderful books this half term! The Pirates Next Door will help us to write an adventure story, The Great Fire of London will be used to write a recount and finally the children will learn poems with repetitive phrases.

**Grammar:** We are learning about verbs, nouns, adjectives and apostrophes (for contractions and ownership). Once we have learnt these concepts the children will use them in their own writing.

**Reading:** Reading skills are so important we use Vipers to help us learn how to answer comprehension style questions. The skills in vipers are: Vocabulary, Infer, Predict, Explain, Retrieve and Sequence (for KS1).

Our whole class reader text is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl.



**Art:** This half term, the children will be learning about 3D sculptures. They will explore different sculptures and talk about their shapes and textures. The children will have fun using clay and special clay tools to squeeze, roll, pinch, and shape their own creations.

**PSHE:** Our theme in PSHE is 'Safety'. The children will learn how to be safe in environment around them. They will learn about road safety and staying safe.



## Science

In Science, the children are learning about **Living Things and Their Habitats**, focusing on **microhabitats**. They will identify and name a variety of plants and animals, recall that minibeasts live in microhabitats and describe how these environments provide for their basic needs. Pupils will also learn about the role of a **botanist** and develop scientific skills such as grouping minibeasts, creating simple classification keys, planning observations, recording data and using identification charts to name flowering plants.

**Where is God in our Learning?** In **Maths**, the children will notice patterns and order in multiplication, showing how numbers can be clever and organised. In **English**, they see God's creativity in stories, repetitive poems, and the way words can help us share ideas and feelings. In **Science**, they discover God in nature as they explore **microhabitats**, learning how plants and animals are designed to live in their homes. In **History**, they think about the **Great Fire of London** and how this can remind us that God helps us learn from mistakes and make the world better. In **PSHE**, they see God's care for them as they learn how to stay safe, both **online and outside** and how to look after themselves and others. Across all subjects, children are encouraged to notice God's presence in the world around them.

**Our Year 2 Mission:** This half term we are learning about The Common Good and how we can take part in our community. We will talk about how working together and helping others makes a difference. We will take photos of children working as a team and celebrate those who help in school and the wider community. During Prayer sessions, we will think about who helped us this week and how we helped others. We will share prayers for our class, our school, and our local community and finish by saying together, "Together, we work for the common good."



## Religion

Our R.E. topic this half term is '**Galilee to Jerusalem**'. In this unit of work, the children will learn about the early ministry of Jesus. They will explore the role of John the Baptist and how he prepared the way for Jesus. The children will learn about the Baptism of Jesus and its importance, as well as Jesus' temptations in the desert. The children will also learn about Jesus choosing his apostles and what it means to be called to follow him. They will explore stories such as Jesus calming the storm and curing the paralysed man, learning how Jesus showed care, compassion and faith. Through discussion and reflection, the children will consider how Jesus' actions can inspire us today, encouraging kindness, trust and helping others in our own lives.

## Maths

In **Multiplication**, they will represent groups as repeated addition, show equal groups using multiplication and practise counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. They will also explore multiplying by 2, doubling, and halving to solve problems.

In **Division**, the children will begin to explore different division structures and learn how numbers can be shared or grouped equally.

Year 2 will also continue to revise and consolidate their arithmetic skills from earlier in the year, building confidence with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

**PE** Our topics this half term are gymnastics on a **Monday** with myself and team building with our PE coach on a **Thursday**.

**Spanish** We are all really excited to continue learning to speak Spanish! Lessons will involve stories, games and songs.

## History

Our key question is "**How have events in the UK impacted us today?**" The children will learn about the **events of the Great Fire of London**, including how the fire started, spread and was brought under control. They will explore how these events led to changes that still impact our lives today, such as safer buildings and improved fire safety. The children will take part in a range of activities, including creating pictures, completing homework projects and writing tasks, to help them develop their understanding and share their learning.



**Music:** Our focus is 'singing' In this new unit, the children learn folk songs and create sounds to represent three contrasting landscapes: seaside, countryside and city.

**Computing** The children will learn about **word processing** and developing key digital skills. They will learn how to create and edit text, insert pictures and present their work clearly. The children will use these skills to produce their own word-processed work and will apply what they learn in English and History lessons, helping them to share their ideas and learning more effectively.