

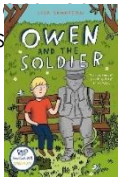
English

Writing: This half term, all of our writing units are inspired by wonderful stories. The children will be exploring The Proudest Blue as a springboard for writing a story, The Colour Monster to create an informative report, and Grandpa Christmas to inspire their own heartfelt letters.

Grammar: The children will learn to use the following grammatical features; conjunctions, exclamation marks, commas in a list and past and present tense.

Reading: They will have daily reading skills session where we will support the children in their understanding of a text. The children will learn about 'VIPERS' which are tools that help comprehension questions

Our whole class reader:
Owen and the Soldier
by Lisa Thompson



History: The children will learn all about **Famous Women in History**. A key question to focus on will be 'How did these famous women make the world a better place?'. The children will learn all about Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Emeline Pankhurst, Rosa Parks and Greta Thunberg. They will focus on learning why these women were so important in our history. In addition to learning about **significant women in history**, the children will explore the **Gunpowder Plot** and take part in **Remembrance Day** activities, reflecting on the bravery and sacrifice of those who have served.

Science In Science, our topic is **Living Things – Habitats**. The children will learn what animals need to survive and how different environments provide for their needs. They will explore a range of habitats, including the **woodland**, **rainforest**, and **ocean**, discovering the plants and animals that live there and how they are suited to their surroundings. The children will also learn about **food chains**, understanding how living things depend on one another for food and survival.

Maths This half term the children will be learning about:

Adding and Subtracting 2-digit numbers.

- Add and subtract one to or from a two-digit number.
- Use number facts to add or subtract a one-digit number and a two-digit number
- Add by bridging multiple of 10
- Subtract by bridging multiple of 10

Multiplication

- Grouping objects in different ways
- Represent groups as repeated addition
- Represent equal groups as multiplication

Our Year 2 Mission: This month's mission, linked to Catholic Social Teaching, is **helping the poor**. With **God at the heart** of all we do, the children will learn about kindness, generosity, and how we can care for others in need. They will plan and take part in fundraising activities to raise money for basic supplies for communities in poorer countries. Through this work, the children will learn the importance of working together, showing God's love in action, and helping to make the world a fairer place.

Where is God in our Learning? In all areas of our learning, we reflect on how **God is at the heart** of everything. In **R.E.**, we will explore one of the most important stories of all - the birth of Jesus - reflecting on God's love and the promise of His Son. In **English**, the children will listen to and share stories, thinking about how they can bring joy, hope, and friendship to others, especially focusing this half term on the feelings God has given us. In **History**, the children will learn about the impact that God's people have made throughout time. In **Science**, they will discover the beautiful habitats that God has created and consider how stewardship helps keep these environments safe and clean for the animals. In **PSHE and PE**, the focus will be on caring for the bodies God has given us, learning to treat ourselves with respect and gratitude. This term, the children are also **beginning to learn Spanish**, helping them communicate with others, just as the disciples were given the ability to speak different languages to share **God's message**.

PE Our topics this half term are dance on a **Monday** with myself and target games with Mr Bishop on a **Thursday**.

PSHE Our theme in PSHE is 'Health & Wellbeing'. The children will learn about experiencing different emotions, growth mindset, keeping active and looking after their teeth.

Autumn 2: Prophecy & Promise



Religion: Our R.E. topic this half term is 'Prophecy & Promise'.

The children will learn about the prophet **Isaiah** and his message foretelling the coming of Jesus. They will also explore the story of **Elizabeth and Zechariah** and their journey to the birth of **John the Baptist**. We will study key moments from Luke's Gospel, focusing on Zechariah, the Annunciation, the Visitation, and the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These readings help the children understand God's promises and how they are fulfilled through Jesus. Alongside this, we will reflect on the **Advent themes of hope, love, joy, and peace**, thinking about how we can show these in our lives as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

DT: Our topic is 'Mechanisms: Making a Moving Monster'. The children will explore levers, linkages and pivots through existing products and use this research to construct and assemble a moving monster. The children will then create their own Christmas themed moving character.

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

Music: The children will learn about Musical storytelling. They will use musical instruments to help them create a story using music.

Computing Our new topic is 'Programming'. The children will learn how to decompose a game and explore algorithms. They will learn how to write clear algorithms and use these to solve a problem. Finally the children will learn how to use loops in their algorithms to make their code effective.