

English This half-term Y2 will be writing list poetry, journey stories and instructions. 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright, Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett and Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper will inspire our learning. During grammar sessions will be looking at simple sentence, compound sentence and exploring statements, commands and questions. Handwriting and spelling will be taught discreetly and practised regularly. This half term our class reader will be **The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark** by Jill Tomlinson. During spelling, the children will revise phonics sounds from Year 1 and explore the following spelling rules: a before l/ll, soft c, suffixes y/ly, kn/gn and finally igh spelt y. In October we will also be celebrating **National Poetry Day** on **Thursday 1st October**.

Art The children will explore 'Life in Colour'. This unit focuses on teaching primary and secondary colours, colour mixing, and creating textures using different tools. It also covers collage techniques, encouraging the children to experiment with materials and evaluate their artistic choices and aims to develop children's understanding of colour, texture, and composition in art.

Science This half term's topic is **Living Things: Habitats**. The children will learn to recall some of the life processes of living things and give examples of how these apply to plants and animals. They will explore a range of habitats and learn to match different plants and animals to the places in which they live. The children will also find out how animals use their habitats to find food and shelter. They will learn that plants produce their own food for energy and will begin to understand the role of producers within a food chain. Finally, the children will identify producers and use arrows correctly to show the order and flow of energy within simple food chains.

Computing The children will learn about Computing systems and networks. The children will familiarise themselves on how to use a computer and build confidence in their computing skills.

Geography Our key question is '**Is the UK the same all over?**'. The children will name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. To support their learning, the children will use world maps, atlases and globes.

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

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.

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Maths This half term the children will be learning about:

Place Value

- composition of multiples of 10
- counting and representing numbers to 99
- comparing, ordering and partitioning 2-digit numbers.

Addition & Subtraction

- Secure addition and subtraction within 10
- Calculating with numbers to 20
- Add and Subtract 2-digit numbers.

Autumn 1: Creation & Covenant



Religion

Our R.E. topic this half term is '**Creation and Covenant**'. The children will learn about God's promise to Noah – the children will focus on God's covenant with Noah and with all creature that 'nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood' (Gen 9:15) a promise symbolised by the rainbow. The children will also learn that the Sacrament of Baptism is when a person becomes part of the Christian family and promises to love God. They will explore many Gospels in the Bible and the children will learn that the Bible is split into two parts the Old Testament and the New Testament. Finally, the children will explore ways in which we can show care for God's world (stewardship) as part of our care for each other.

PSHE Our theme in PSHE is '**My healthy self: How can we look after our emotions?**

Recognising and naming a range of emotions, pupils learn to identify facial and body clues linked to feelings.

We will mark **World Mental Health day** on **9th October** and learn to identify mental health worries and sources of support.

Music The children will learn 'Call and Response' using instruments to represent animals, copying rhythms and creating call and response rhythms.

PE This half term, the children will have PE lessons on **Monday** with myself and **Thursday** with Mr Hatchal.

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