

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 Jolley Rogers and the Ghostly Galleon** by Jonny Duddle. 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 2nd 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 `Animals including Humans`. The children will learn how to notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). Finally, the children will learn how to describe the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

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 Stewardship Mission: We believe God has given us the gift of creation and calls us to be its stewards. We will care for our classroom, school, community, and planet by reducing waste, recycling, and using resources wisely. We will show kindness to all living things and give thanks for the beauty of nature. Through our choices and actions, we will protect and cherish the world for future generations.

Where is God in our Learning? In Year 2, our learning is about more than just remembering facts – it is also about noticing that God is with us and helps us to live with love and care. God is part of all our learning, guiding us to grow in kindness, wisdom and faith. In **English**, when we listen to and share stories, we learn how words can bring joy, hope and friendship. In **Geography**, as we discover more about the United Kingdom, we remember that it is part of God's wonderful world, made for us to enjoy and look after. In **Science**, as we explore God's animals and learn about how to care for ourselves, we give thanks for His creation and think about how to keep it safe. In **Computing**, as we learn how to be safe online, we remember to use technology wisely and show love and respect to others. In **PSHE**, as we think about our families and our place in them, we learn how to show care, kindness and love to one another.

Autumn 1: Creation and 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.

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.

PSHE Our theme in PSHE is `Relationships-Families and Friendships`. The children will learn about who they are and how they fit into the class. They will also learn about making friends; feeling lonely and getting help

We will mark **World Mental Health day on 10th 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 Bishop.

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