Autumn 2:
Prophecy & Promise

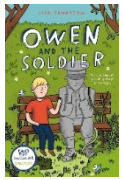
English

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 Phonics lessons skills session where we will support the children in their understanding of c text.

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



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

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 **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**.

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.

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 `**Connecting with Others`.** The children will learn how to build safe, kind and caring relationships with others.

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, Emiline 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 – **Microhabitats.** The children will learn to identify and name a variety of plants and animals, exploring the different places where they live. They will discover that minibeasts live in microhabitats and investigate the different conditions found in these small environments. The children will learn how microhabitats provide for the basic needs of plants and animals, helping them to survive and thrive. They will also be introduced to the role of a botanist, discovering how botanists study plants and the important work they do.

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

The children will learn about the colours, counting to 10, learning fruits and vegetables and listening to stories in Spanish.

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.