

# This half term Year 2 are learning about:



## English

In English, we will be learning the wishing tale, 'Pinocchio' and writing recounts. During this work, we will be focusing upon extending sentences with conjunctions (and, so, but, when, because) and writing in the past tense. Additionally, children will be introduced to different sentence types with an initial focus on statements and questions. Later in the term, children will be letter writing and learning about exclamatory sentences and how to use exclamation marks.

We will continue to have our daily Little Wandle phonics lessons and guided reading three times a week. This term we will be reading 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey and 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson during whole-class reading time.

## Mathematics



In Mathematics, we will be securing our addition and subtraction methods with numbers up to 100. This will mainly be during Morning Work, so it is important that everyone is at school in good time! In our Mathematics lessons, we will begin to multiply by 2, 5 and 10. Children will also have the opportunity to understand what multiplication means and what it looks like. We will also focus on dividing by 2, 5 and 10. Pupils will look at different ways of dividing, including sharing and grouping. Pupils will also investigate links between multiplication and division and odd and even numbers. Towards the end of this term, we will be learning the properties of 2D shapes, exploring how to draw shapes, make patterns with shapes and turn shapes using familiar language.

## Geography: Map Makers

In Geography, we will find out about maps and will learn about the four compass points and use these to navigate around maps. We will think about some of the human and physical features that are found in a town and consider the importance of the placement of different features when town planning before using what we have learnt to design a town of our own on a map.

## Science: Everyday Materials

In Science, we will look at everyday objects and identify which materials they are made from and why. In addition to this, we will explore solid objects and how they can be altered by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. Children will observe closely, identifying and classifying the uses of different materials and recording their observations.

## DT: Textiles

In Design and Technology, we will explore how fabric can be joined by pinning, stapling, or gluing. Children will learn that pieces of fabric need to be lined up perfectly before joining. They will then design, make, and join a hand puppet. Finally, they will embellish their design using different joining methods.

## PE

In PE, children will be learning and refining many moves in gymnastics, including a straight half turn jump, teddy bear roll and jumping from the springboard.

Additionally, children will also be continuing their dance lessons where they are learning to travel and turn to a beat individually and in pairs.

## Key Vocabulary

This term, some of the words that we will be learning in Year 2 include:

- material
- properties
- conjunctions
- past and present
- Advent

## Things to do at home:

- ❖ Regular reading with your child.
- ❖ Practise counting to 100 forwards and backwards.
- ❖ Practise counting forwards and back in 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s.
- ❖ Complete weekly homework.

## RE



In RE, we will begin the half term by finishing our work on baptism, where we will be describing the different signs and symbols used in this Sacrament. Next, we will move onto our Judaism topic. We will be learning about how Jewish people celebrate their special days. We will then be focusing on the Nativity story and the events leading to Jesus' birth. We will be thinking about how Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. We will look at Advent candles and what they mean and how we can include these values in our own lives.

## PSHE

In Circle Time, children will talk out about different feelings that humans can experience and ways of sharing feelings. We will also talk about change and loss. Mission Circle themes include Individuality, Holiness, Giving, Youth, Kingdom, Hope, Peace and Joy.

## Computing



Year 2 have started their new Computing unit, 'Questioning'. In this unit, the children will be using spreadsheets, generating pictograms and creating binary trees for 'yes' and 'no' answers. Following this unit, the children will be learning how to make a quiz on Purple Mash.