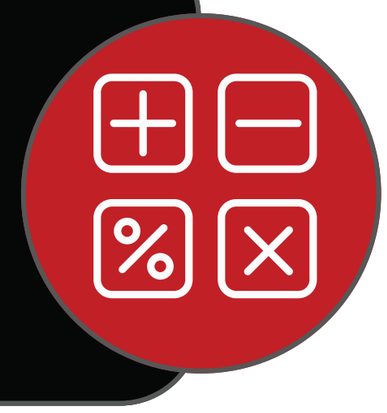
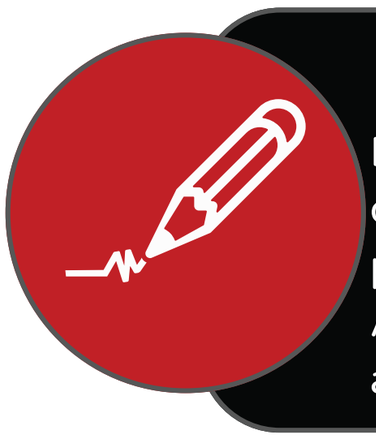
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ADVENT 2

Mathematics

In our Mathematics lessons, we will begin to multiply by 2, 5 and 10. Children will 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. We will also continue our Mastering Numeracy project to strengthen our knowledge of number and calculation.





English

In English, our new book is 'The Journey Home' by Frann Preston Gannon. The text explores issues of conservation. Children will create fact files on endangered animals as well as writing short persuasive pieces on why we need to save a particular endangered animal. In our second unit, 'We Are Water Protectors' by Carole Lindstrom, the children will write a non-chronological report about animals that live in water and then retell the story of 'Clem and the crab' by Fiona Lumbers

Religious Education

We will begin by exploring another faith, Judaism, for a week. We will be learning how families celebrate special traditions and learn about the Jewish tradition of Shabbat. Then, we will move onto our RED curriculum. In Branch 2 'Prophecy and Promise' we will be learning about prophets like Isaiah and John the Baptist. We will be focusing on the Annunciation, the birth of John the Baptist tand the birth of Jesus .We will be thinking about how Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. during the season of Advent.



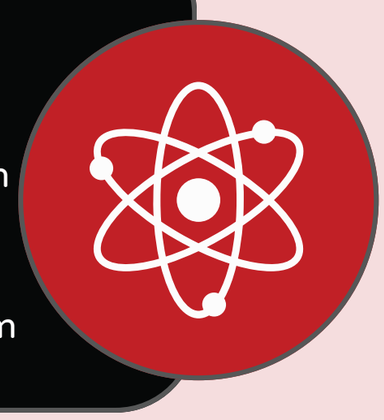


Reading

In reading, we will continue to share story time with the children daily reading a wide range of picture books. We will also read ' Rabbit and Bear' by Julian Gough and Jim Field. The children will take part in guided reading sessions three times a week in groups that are linked to their phonic knowledge. During these sessions we will focus on reading with prosody (expression and rhythm) and develop the children's fluency when reading.

Science

In Science, we will be learning about everyday materials. We will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. We will become familiar with how some materials are used for more than one thing (metal can be used for coins, cans, cars and table legs; wood can be used for matches, floors and telegraph poles) and how different materials are used for the same thing (spoons can be made from plastic, wood, metal, but not normally from glass). We will use our investigation skills to find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.





Personal Development

We will begin the half term learning about the British Value of The Rule of Law. We then learn about feelings and explore or likes and dislikes. We learn that feelings and actions are two different things, and that our good actions can 'form' our feelings and our character. We also learn that choices have consequences; that when we make mistakes we are called to receive forgiveness and to forgive others. We will explore the lifecycle and recognise that change is a part of life. We will also think about different jobs that people do.

Design Technology- Textiles

In Design and Technology, the children will be designing and making a hand puppet. The hand puppet will need to appeal to other children in the class, fit a child's hand, and use material that is joined together successfully. We will explore how fabric can be joined by pinning, stapling, or gluing and how 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.

Geography- Around the World

This half term we will be learning about the 7 continents of the world and being able to locate them on a map. We will focus in detail on one country from each continent, locating and recalling the capital city and key geographical or physical features of the location.

Physical Education

Our PE unit this half term is Gymnastics. The children will learn how to safely complete three types of roll in a controlled manner: straight, tucked and teddy bear. They will then move on to learning a range of balances and jumps. We will also apply these skills when working on apparatus. Finally, the children will create and perform a sequence of movements with control. PE days are Wednesday and Friday.

Mission Circles

Our themes for Advent 2 are as follows: Holiness, Change, Remembrance, Youth, Kingdom, Hope, Peace and Joy. The children have a mission each week to live out after they have discussed the topics within their groups. The children will also have a chance to deepen their understanding of our weekly mission through Mission Circles regular worship opportunities such as Lectio Divina and Child Led Celebrations of the Word.

Key Vocabulary

This term, Year 2 are learning the following words:
materials, continents , properties, Advent, prophet, capital city.

Class Notices

Thursday 29th October- Library visit
Thursday 12th November cinema trip
Wednesday 2nd December- Advent Celebration of the word
Nativity - Date TBC
Christmas dinner- Date TBC

How parents & carers can help

- Regular reading with your child and practising recognising tricky words and how to spell them. When they have finished the book, ask them questions about what they have read.
- Practise counting wherever you go.
- Practice multiplication and division especially 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Check Class Dojo regularly for updates.