

RE- Come and See

We will cover two topics during the first half term and the first topic is '**Beginnings**' where we begin to deepen our understanding of knowing that God is always there with us guiding and supporting us from the creation of our world to when we were first born. Our second topic is '**Belonging**' which is all about '**Baptism**', where we look more closer at the signs and symbols used and why we do them. We will look in more detail at the order of this sacrament and why Christians live as followers of the Light of Christ.

Science - Animals including humans

In science, we will be learning that animals, including humans have offspring that grows into adults. We will learn about the basic needs of animals. We will also explore and describe the importance of exercise, a balanced diet and hygiene.

Living Things and their Habitats

The children will explore and compare the differences between living and dead things; use simple food chains and identify habitats

Maths

As a school, we follow White Rose Maths scheme of work supplemented with lots of practical work and other resources. Our first topic is Place Value with numbers up to 100 where we will be : comparing numbers, building upon our understanding of counting and adding with 10s and 1s and also ordering numbers. We then move onto counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s.

This will then be followed with addition and subtraction. We will be looking adding and subtracting 10s and then adding and subtracting 2, 2 digit numbers.

We will continue to work on number bonds to 10 and 20 as this understanding is a vital building block and we will also have weekly times tables test. Please look at our class Dojo page for when this will start and which times tables we are practising.

English

Our literacy curriculum will use a range of texts to support reading, comprehension and writing.

The children will continue to build on their knowledge and understanding of reading extracts, stories and information texts using our school character of RIC- retrieval, infer and choice. There will be regular opportunities to study a piece of text over a week delving deeper into the choice of words, expanding vocabulary, a grammar focus and comprehension questions.

Within writing, we will continue to focus on sentence structure building on our understanding of full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. The children will work on punctuating simple and compound sentences using *and* and *but*. We will also introduce new grammar including subordination for time using 'before' and "after, spelling rules for the past tense and noun phrases. We will be exploring and *writing stories with familiar settings and non-chronological reports*. The children will also explore a variety of poems on a theme. During the 2nd half term, the children will have fun looking at *traditional tales with a twist and instructions*.

We will continue to have daily phonics lessons.

Year 2 - Autumn The Place Where I



Computers

Our focus this half term is all about internet safety and also basic skills. It is such an important topic which is why we start with it and we will be specifically looking at using the internet safely and appropriately. We will also look at basic key pad skills, keyboard skills and logging in and out.

PE

Supported by Mr Davies, we will be covering the fundamentals of movement including SAQs and also sending and receiving skills using futsal skills. Linking with our Science, they will explore the importance and impact of exercise on humans

Music

The children will have the opportunity to explore pitch and melodies through song. Wigan Music service will deliver sessions to develop an understanding of tempo and rhythm using untuned instruments every Thursday.

Geography (1st half term)

Our focus will be on London. The children will name, locate and identify characteristics of the capital city of England. They will identify key physical and human features. They will make comparisons with our local area using photos and basic geographical vocabulary.

Handwriting

We will continue to use cursive handwriting introduced in year 1 and will have numerous handwriting sessions throughout the week to ensure we correctly form our letters and that we continue to take pride in our work and presentation.

PSHE

Our first module will be 'Created and Loved by God' which explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are created by God out of love and for love, it will help the children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.

History (2nd Half Term)

We will be travelling back in time to September 1666 and finding out about the Great fire of London. We will be comparing what life was like in the 17th century compared to now. We will be investigating and asking questions about what materials the houses were made out of and describing how this helped the fire to spread understanding why people in the past did things. We will find out when, where and why the fire started, the struggle they had distinguishing it and the lesson learnt as they set to rebuild London. To help us find out about the past, we will be looking at books, painting, eye witness accounts and images of artefacts.

Questions we will consider:

1. What was life like in 1666?
2. What caused the great fire of London?
3. How was the fire extinguished?
4. Why do we know so much about the Great Fire of London?
5. What was the impact of the Great Fire of London?

Supplementary Art

We will be exploring sculpture and printing by creating our own representations using autumnal leaves and natural resources. We will be looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and using his work to inspire our own. The children will focus on pattern, printing and texture.

DT

During our DT topic week, the focus will be on mechanisms. The children will design and make a moving toy.