

Year 2 Curriculum Information – Spring 1

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Christmas

We will explore the story of Christmas from the Annunciation to the flight into Egypt. We will trace the journey of Mary and Joseph and understand some of the difficulties that they faced.

Special Celebrations

Children's understanding of the Liturgical year as a celebration of the life of Christ will be developed during this unit. The children will also learn about Baptism and Marriage as special sacramental celebrations

Sharing in the life of Jesus

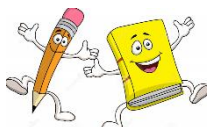
In this unit, we will learn of important stories from the New Testament about the life of Jesus and Mary and the call of the disciples. We will look at the examples of saints and important events in their lives. We will think about special forms of prayers and take part in special prayerful moments together.

Living out our Mission



Catholic Social Teaching:
We believe in **The Common Good** and how we are all brothers and sisters, working together for the good of everyone.

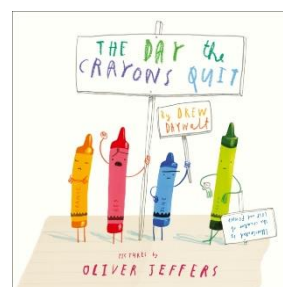
English and Guided Reading



Book focus: The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Deywalt

Poor Duncan just wants to colour in. But when he opens his box of crayons, he only finds letters, all saying the same thing: We quit!




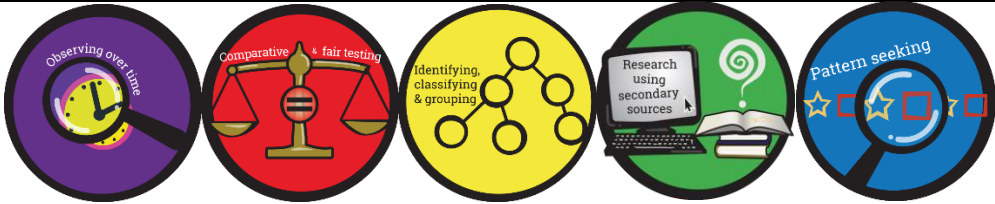
Ongoing throughout this and each term will be a strong focus on phonics and spelling, punctuation and handwriting. Please help your child to practise these skills at home. Spellings will be tested on a Friday and new ones to practise will be sent home after the test ready for the following week.














In our Guided Reading sessions, we will be reading **Flat Stanley** by Jeff Brown.

From this chapter book, we will continue to learn new vocabulary from the context of a sentence, infer thoughts and feelings of characters and make sensible predictions.

Amazing things can happen when you are flat! Stanley Lambchop is just a normal healthy boy, but ever since a notice board fell on him, he's been only half an inch thick! But this is where the adventures begin...

<p>Maths</p> 	<p><u>Money</u></p> <p>In this unit, children will focus on addition and subtraction of money using part-whole models and bar models, in addition to counting methods. Children will learn about effective strategies such as counting on from the coin or note of highest value to find the total. We will explore pounds, pence and notes.</p> <p><u>Multiplication and Division</u></p> <p>In this unit, children will gain an essential basis for understanding times tables and what x means. We will explore multiplication in the context of skip counting, equal groups, times-tables, multiplication sentences and arrays. Throughout this, repeated addition sentences will appear alongside multiplication sentences so that children can see the links between the two.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p><u>Animals including Humans</u></p> <p><i>How will 5 a day keep me healthy?</i></p> <p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice that animals including humans, have offspring which grow into adults • Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) • Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of foods, and hygiene. <p><u>Working scientifically</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask simple scientific questions. • Observe carefully, using simple equipment. • Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions. <div style="text-align: right;">  <p>Everyone is special Human Dignity</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>

<p>History</p> 	<p><u>What is the British Monarchy?</u></p> <p>During this unit of History, children will explore what a Monarchy is and about the British Monarchy. We will explore the history of the Monarchy and changes that have taken place in Britain under different reigns. To help with this, children will develop skills in research, explanations using sources and evidence and ordering events on a time line chronologically.</p>	
<p>Art</p> 	<p><u>Who was Ingrid Bathe?</u></p> <p>This half term, we will turn our attention to artist Ingrid Bathe and will develop skills to produce our own piece of clay pottery, inspired by her works.</p> <p>We will explore her designs, design and make our own piece of pottery and evaluate it.</p>	
<p>Computing</p> 	<p><u>Online Safety</u></p> <p><u>We will:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to search effectively and safely online • Understand how we talk to others when they are not there in front of us • Learn that information put online leaves a digital footprint or trail <p><u>Effective searching</u></p> <p><u>We will:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the terminology associated with the internet and searching • Gain a better understanding of searching the internet • Create a leaflet to help someone to search for information on the internet 	
<p>PE</p> 	<p>PE Day: <u>Friday</u></p> <p>This half term, we will learn new team skills in PE with Mr Sigley. Please ensure that PE kit is in school all week, clearly labelled with your child's name in a permanent marker or printed label.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	 <p>Everyone is special Human Dignity</p>

<p>Music</p> 	<p>Music will be taught by Mrs Davison each week. The children will have different musical opportunities to help them to understand rhythm and pulse.</p>	
<p>RSE</p> 	<p><u>Ten:Ten - Life to the Full Programme</u></p> <p>This half term, we will begin our RSE learning. In our first module, 'Created and loved by God', we explore the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are created by God out of love and for love, children will develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships.</p>	 <p>Everyone is special Human Dignity</p>
<p>Homework</p>  <p>Everyone is special Participation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Two pieces of homework will be handed out on a Friday. One of these pieces will be the recently introduced Maths Homework sheet. This task does not need to be returned for marking. We will go through the answers together daily, during our Morning Maths sessions.Spellings are tested on a Friday (New spellings will be given out on a Friday following the test). <p>Reading at home should take place five times a week. This will be monitored through daily diary checks.</p>	
<p>Key events for the half term</p>		
<p>Wednesday 7th February</p>		<p>Year 2 Visit to Stafford Castle</p>