

Curriculum Information - Year Two Autumn 2

RE



Parables and Miracles

We will learn about a range of parables and miracles and understand Jesus' qualities as a healer and teacher. We will look at the ways in which the Church carries on Jesus' work of healing through the Sacrament of the Sick.

Advent

During Advent, children will learn more about the time, symbols and characters of this liturgical season. We will focus on Advent being a season of preparation for Christmas through the story of John the Baptist and parish activities.

Living out our Mission

"...those who promote peace have joy." Proverbs 12:20



Catholic Social Teaching: Promoting Peace, particularly during the season of Advent as we prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas time.

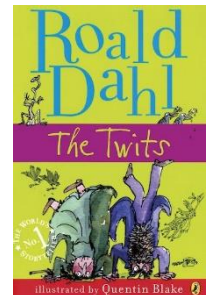
English and Guided Reading



Book focus: The Twits by Roald Dahl

We will continue reading Roald Dahl's 'The Twits' this half term and continue to use it as inspiration for our own writing.

We will continue to build upon skills learnt last half term and will aim to refine our use of punctuation and to enhance sentences through expanded noun phrases, powerful verbs and appropriate conjunctions.



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.

Maths



Addition and Subtraction

Children will move on to adding and subtracting larger numbers, building on their prior learning. They will progress to addition and subtraction involving two 2-digit numbers, representing the steps within these calculations visually and with different concrete resources.

Properties of Shapes

Within this Geometry unit of Maths, the children will learn to describe

and sort shapes based on their mathematical properties, using correct terminology. They will also learn to categorise shapes based on their number of sides, vertices, edges and faces.

We will be learning maths using a Mastery approach to allow all children to gain a secure understanding of the fundamentals of Mathematics.

Science



Animals including Humans

How will 5 a day keep me healthy?

We will:

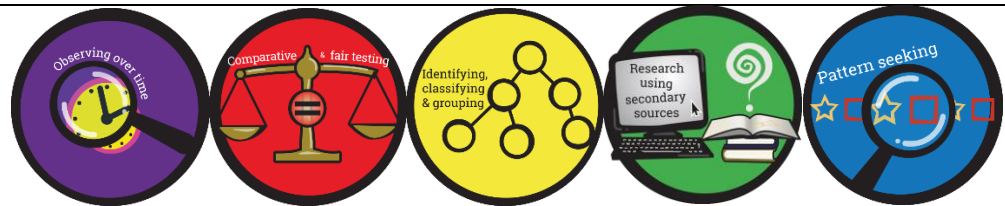
- Notice that animals including humans, have offspring which grow into adults
- Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)
- Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of foods, and hygiene.



Everyone is special
Human Dignity

Working scientifically

- Ask simple scientific questions.
- Observe carefully, using simple equipment.
- Gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.



Geography

Where is the UK in the world?

We will:

- Learn and remember the seven continents of the world and countries which can be found within them
- Know the five main oceans of the world
- Know the name of and locate the four capital cities of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland

We will begin to understand the purpose of an Atlas and how modern technology can further help our understanding of the world.











Caring for God's gifts
Stewardship

DT

What makes the puppet show so popular?

In this Textiles project, children will be designing and making their own puppet using simple sewing techniques.

Children will:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain why they have chosen a specific material, tool or joining technique • Make a model to suggest ways to improve its strength and stability • Evaluate their design and product effectively 	
<p>Computing</p> 	<p><u>Coding</u> <u>We will learn:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand what an algorithm is and use it to create a computer program • To create a program using a given design. • To understand the collision detection event. • To understand that algorithms follow a sequence and to design an algorithm that follows a timed sequence. • To understand and debug simple programs 	
<p>PE</p> 	<p><u>Gymnastics</u> PE Day: <u>Tuesday</u> This half term, we will learn new skills in Gymnastics where we will practice a variety of balances. Please ensure that PE kit is in school all week, clearly labelled with your child's name in a permanent marker or printed label. Thank you.</p>	 <p>Everyone is special Human Dignity</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Music will be taught by Mrs Wallace each week. The children will have different musical opportunities to help them to understand rhythm and pulse. The children will also be preparing for their Christmas Nativity through singing and learning different songs.</p>	
<p>PSHE</p> 	<p><u>Celebrating Differences</u> In this unit, children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think about the stereotypes about boys and girls and know that it is OK not to conform to gender stereotypes • Know it is good to be themselves • Know that sometimes people get bullied because of difference and know the difference between right and wrong and the role that choice has to play in this • Know the difference between an incident and bullying and where to get help 	 <p>Showing we care Solidarity</p>

- Know that friends can be different and still be friends

Homework



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Participation

- Two pieces of homework will be handed out on a Friday. One of these pieces will be the Maths Homework sheet. 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).

Reading at home should take place **at least three times a week**. This will be monitored through daily diary checks.

Key events for the half term

Tuesday 5 th November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 6 th November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 12 th November	Flu vaccinations
Sunday 24 th November	Family Mass at Sacred Heart Church
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Tuesday 17 th and Wednesday 18 th December	KS1 Nativity Performances
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Party Day!