

## Religious Education

Our first RE topic this term is 'Christmas'. In this topic, we will deepen our understanding of the Epiphany and the events of the Christmas story. In our second topic of 'Revelation', we will learn about how special Jesus is from reading parables and learning about the many miracles Jesus performed. This is a great opportunity for you to discuss Scripture at home with your child and reinforce their learning. Our final topic of 'Lent', will reinforce the importance of forgiveness. We will be learning about Judaism 11th - 15th February.

## Mathematics

In Maths we will be working hard on counting in steps of 2's, 5's and 10's, forwards and backwards from any number, e.g. 2, 7, 12, 17...

Using our knowledge of place value, we will be adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers where regrouping is required.

We will begin learning about the measures of volume and length, and comparing differences, so any practical activities you carry out at home would really support this, e.g. measuring when baking, measuring who is tallest, has longest feet etc.

## Geography

This term we are learning all about the colourful land of South Africa through Barnaby Bear's adventures. We will be comparing life in South Africa with life in London and finding out many exciting things. For example, did you know that South Africa is often called the 'Rainbow Nation'?

### Children wondered:

- What is an algorithm?
- Are there really penguins that live in South Africa?
- What would happen if you didn't eat any fruit and vegetables?

## English

We will be enjoying reading a range of Traditional Tales such as, Goldilocks and The Three Little Pigs. We will be focusing on learning the features of traditional tales, and using a range of VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation), we will retell these stories in our writing. We will explore 'Nonsense Poetry' where we will let our imaginations run wild and be as creative as possible when writing our own silly poems! We will continue to practise handwriting daily, and develop reading comprehension through guided reading activities.

### How can you help at home?

- Practise counting on and back in twos, fives and tens from any number to one hundred and beyond, and counting on and back in halves and quarters to 20.
- Continue to work on reading the time, moving onto reading 5 minute intervals.
- Continue to use various coins to make different amounts and solve problems related to this.
- Listen to your child read each day and ask them a variety of questions about the books they have chosen.
- Support handwriting development by practising daily.
- Carry out some research into Mary Seacole and read some parables.
- Observe animals in the local environment.

# Year 2

## Art, DT, Music & Drama

In Art we can look forward to learning about the power of portraits to show a person's character. Children will develop their observational drawing skills to portraits. We will look at nurses badges and the medals awarded or dedicated to Mary Seacole, Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell and design and cast medals for inspirational actions.

In DT, we look forward to our topic on, 'Toast'. We will investigate the process of change through which the bread goes when becoming toast. Furthermore, we will choose our own toppings and then evaluate (and eat) our choices.

In Music the focus this term will be on pitch. Linking to the topic of 'Animals including humans', we will look at how animals are represented in Music. We will also get the opportunity to draw our own graphic scores.

## Computing

We will be learning about Algorithms. What they are, what they are used for and thinking about what makes a good one. We will begin to learn how to write programs using a visual programming language.

## PSHE

We will continue to explore the importance of friendship and respect for others, especially during playtimes. This links well with some of the messages we will hear in the parables we study in R.E. We will discuss and develop our understanding of healthy choices, linking to our Science topic.

## P.E

Our indoor PE topic this term is 'Multi-sports'. We will be learning about the various types of skills needed to partake in the different sports and use the array of equipment we have to try as many of the sports as possible.

In outdoor PE, the focus is on multi skills and developing ball skills (hands and feet) as well as learning about invasion games. We will also develop our understanding of what good sportsmanship means.

## History

This term we will be learning about the life of Mary Seacole and her role throughout the Crimean war.

We will then move on to learning about the famous World War I British nurse, Edith Cavell. We will compare and contrast these two fascinating women.

The children's learning will be supported by a homework activity which will be research based.

## Science

This term our topic is, 'Animals, including humans'. We will be learning that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. We will also be finding out what all animals need to survive. Then we will move onto describing the importance of exercise, healthy diet and hygiene for humans.

