

## Religious Education

In R.E. this term we will be learning in more detail about the resurrection of Jesus at **Easter** and celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit by learning about **Pentecost**.

Later on in the term, in our **Sacraments** topic, we will develop an understanding of what a sacrament is, through exploring what happens during Baptism, Matrimony and the Eucharist.

## English

We will be looking at non-chronological reports and will be continuing to work on using descriptive language in our creative work. We have a class mini topic focusing on Hedgehogs which you have already been researching at home. We will be developing our planning skills to add detail to our writing.

We will be working on learning different spelling rules and continuing to learn to spell the Year 2 Common Exception Words. We will continue to practise

## How can you help at home?

- Practise learning the 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables at home in preparation for Year 3
- Continue to work on mental arithmetic skills, such as number bonds, multiplication and division facts, focusing on the Year 2 Learn by Heart targets
- Listen to your child read each day and ask them plenty of questions about the books they have chosen
- Observe plants in the local Environment learning the names of the parts of plants.

## Mathematics

In Maths this term, we will continue to extend our learning in number by using our place value and number fact knowledge to solve problems. We will be solving problems using the 4 operations continuing to represent our understanding through the bar model, pictorial representations and the column method.

We will also be exploring simple fractions, including fractions of amounts and recognising that 2 quarters are equal to a half.

We will continue to learn our 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables to improve our quick recall.

## PE

In indoor PE this term, our focus will be Dance. The children will be learning a contemporary dance linked to our Geography topic 'South Africa'. During the weekly sessions the children will have the opportunity to explore the different types of animals and landscapes through dance.

Our final outdoor topic will be Athletics which will link to sports day. We will be developing our understanding of what good sportsmanship means.

## History

We will be learning about seaside locations in the past. The topic will help us to understand how seaside places have changed over time. We will gain an understanding of how holidays have changed over time.

## 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'?

# Year 2

## Art, DT & Music

In Art, we will start the term by continuing our work on buildings, in particular Gaudi's 'La Sagrada Familia' and Sir Christopher Wren's 'St. Paul's Cathedral'. We will then move onto a topic on mosaics.

In Design and Technology, we will be designing and making finger puppets. We will also evaluate the design.  
It's sure to be lots of fun!

In Music the focus this term we will be exploring the sounds different instruments make and how these can help create a mood. We will record our own pieces and evaluate our performances.

## Children wondered:

- What are all the different plants in Brook Green?
- What did they wear on the beach in the past?
- What will be different when we move to Year 3?

## Computing

We will be learning how to write an algorithm and how to turn the algorithm into a programme using a visual programming language.

This work builds upon the 'Beebot' work completed in Year 1.

Our computing work continues to support our learning in all subject areas. We look forward to continuing to use the laptops and iPads for research work and word processing.

## Science

We will be learning about '*Plants*' in Science, where we will find out about the huge variety of living things within our local environment and of the differences between them. We also look forward to planting our own seeds and observing them grow into a healthy plant.

Our final topic is living things and their habitats. Here we will learn how different animals are suited to different habitats.