

Humanities

We will learn the seven continents and five oceans of the world through exploring our own links to different parts of the world. Our map skills will be developed through creating our own maps. We will investigate where people have visited and work out which continents those places are in. We will learn about a place in a different continent, focusing on similarities and differences. A theme day at the end of the topic will help us celebrate our diverse community through wearing national dress and enjoying activities around flags and languages. There will be an opportunity for parents to get involved in this day so look out for information! We will deepen our learning about Hinduism and Hindu Gods. The Christian festival of Christmas will be explored through looking at the symbols associated with it and their relationship to the Christmas Story.

English

Daily reading will strengthen comprehension skills. Please continue to read at home with your child daily. Writing tasks will include creating non-fiction texts about some of the wonders of the world and retelling stories we learn from around the world. There will be some poetry writing, learning about similes. We will continue to work on our spelling skills and handwriting will be practised regularly. We will continue to learn about different types of sentences, how to add suffixes and use sentence punctuation with accuracy. This will include question marks and exclamation marks. We will learn how to add adjectives into our work to make our writing more descriptive and coherent.

Towards the end of the term, we will think about Christmas around the world and use this to inform some factual writing.

Maths: This half term will see the children add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including: a two-digit number and ones; a two-digit number and tens; two two-digit numbers. They will finish with learning strategies to add three one-digit numbers. They will also revisit commutativity to show that the addition of two numbers can be done in any order and subtraction of one number from another cannot. They will recognise and use the **inverse** relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems.

As well as addition and subtraction being a focus they will extending their understanding in the following areas: **money, multiplication and division.** There will be a **strong focus on basic number skills and calculations throughout**, as well as problem solving where they can apply their applying their increasing knowledge of mental and written methods.

Science

We will be conducting a series of incredible investigations looking at; gravity, electric and hygiene.

They will also be planning and conducting their own investigations centred around water.

Music

Our Land: Exploring Sounds- timbre and texture- music inspired by myths.

Our Bodies: Playing rhythm patterns on our bodies and percussion instruments.

It may possible to stage a small outdoor class concert. Watch this space!

Topic name: What a Wonderful World!

Year Group: Year 2
Term: Autumn 2



Art/ DT

We will explore textiles and use the idea of weaving to create a design inspired by fabrics from around the world.

PSHE

We will be focusing on friendships- getting on and falling out. There will be an Anti-Bullying week to raise awareness with a focus on positive relationships.

Computing

The focus of our computing work this half term is learning about the nature and uses of information technology. We will consider our responsibilities around using IT safely.

Events

Friday 13th November- Children in Need. Wear spots and/ or bright colours!
Monday 16th November- Anti Bullying week. Wear odd socks.
Thursday 10th December- Theme Day. Wear National Dress or flag colours!
Friday 11th December- Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December- Possible outdoor concert
Thursday 17th December-Christmas Party

PE

On the very first day back we have an exciting workshop 'Dance Around the World' to start the new topic with an exciting experience!

The children in Amber and Turquoise will be continuing to take part in PE lessons on **Monday** afternoon – taken by a coach. On **Tuesday** Indigo will benefit from the expertise of the same coach. We will be working on football skills.

On **Wednesday** afternoons the main focus will be dance in these sessions.

We will not be changing for PE but shoes and socks will come off for dance and they will need to come wearing trainers on Monday/Tuesday.