

## Humanities – Geography and Religious Education

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. During our theme day at the start of the topic, we will 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 such as a travel brochure about some of the wonders of the world and e and retelling stories we learn from around the world. In shared reading there will be some poetry, 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 be writing a persuasive letter to Mrs Grimes to ask her for our end of term Christmas Party.

**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.

As well as this we will be learning some festive tunes ready for our Christmas concert.

Topic name: What a Wonderful World!

Year Group: Year 2  
Term: Autumn 2



## DT

We will explore textiles and use the idea of weaving to create a Christmas decoration. We will conduct some market research before designing, making and evaluating our decoration.

## 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 this half term is learning about photography. We will look at taking photos using the iPad, learning how to upload these onto a computer and edit them.

## PE

**During the second week back, we have an exciting workshop 'Dance Around the World' to start the new topic with an exciting experience!**

### PE Sessions

Amber – Monday & Thursday  
Indigo – Monday and & Thursday  
Turquoise – Tuesday & Friday

This term the children will be learning Net and Wall skills in their first session before putting this into Tennis game scenarios in their second session. PE will continue to be outside so please do bring in warm PE clothes. The children **MUST** change for PE and have suitable trainers on for running around.

## Events

Diwali celebration – 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November- Theme Day. Wear National Dress or flag colours!  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Act of Remembrance  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November- Anti Bullying week. Wear odd socks.  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – FOSI Movie Night  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need. Wear spots and/ or bright colours!  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 2 Choir Blackheath Concert Halls  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day – Christmas Jumpers welcome!  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December- NSPCC Christmas Jumper Day  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December PM – Rock Steady Concerts  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – FOSI Christmas Event (after school)  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Panto Trip (return to school by 4.45pm)  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December PM – Christmas Concert (times tbc)  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Party