



Year 2 Spring 1

Key Areas of Learning

- As **Writers and Readers**, we will be exploring **narrative writing and recounts** based around 'Amazing Grace' by Mary Hoffman this half term.
- As **Mathematicians**, we will be focussing on **addition and subtraction** of 2-digit numbers and multiplication.
- As **Disciples of Christ**, we will be deepening our understanding of **Christmas, Parables and Miracles**.
- As **Athletes**, we will be developing our knowledge, skills and competency in **team and individual challenges**.
- As **Computing Learners**, we will begin to look at **ESafety and Questioning**.
- As **Musicians**, we will be exploring feeling through music.
- As **Designers**, we will be exploring **Mechanisms**.
- As **Historians**, we will be learning about **Intrepid Explorers**.
- As **Geographers**, we will be learning about **Hot and Cold Places**.
- As **Scientists**, we will be exploring **Habitats**.

British Values

The Rule of Law

In PSHE, we will further recognise and understand the rule of law and the importance of rules and regulations within our country.

Democracy

We will practise this value when making everyday decisions in class using methods such as voting.

Individual Liberty

Our children will be encouraged to make good choices and develop independence in their learning.

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

In PSHE, we will learn about how we can ensure that we respect the feelings of others and accept and embrace each other's similarities and differences, in person and online. This value will be particularly explored in our learning during Children's Mental Health Week and Online Safety Day.

Catholic virtues

This half term, our Catholic Values are '**grateful and generous**'.

- We will be learning to be **grateful** for the gifts God has given to us, for the gifts of other people and the blessings of each new day. We will show that we are thankful for what we have and for the people around us.
- We will be **generous** with our gifts and use them in the service of others. We will be generous with our time and give of ourselves to serve others as God wants us to. We will be generous with our actions, doing things to help other people and make a difference in the world

Catholic Social Teaching

- Children will be exploring the **dignity of the human person** through their R.E work where they will think about the birth of Jesus and how he changed our lives in such selfless ways.
- We will learn about will learn **the dignity of the human person** and the right that everyone has to be respected when we learn about Children's Mental Health Week. We will also explore this teaching in our PSHE lessons when we recognise that God made us all so we should treat everyone, including ourselves (in mind and body) with dignity in all aspects of our daily lives, including online. The children will show **stewardship** when speaking out for what is right and wrong within their PSHE work.

English	Maths	RE	PE
<p>In English lessons, through the text 'Amazing Grace', children will focus on creating their own version of a familiar narrative and then learn how to write a recount based on a visit or a personal experience. We will continue work on demarcating sentences properly (using capital letters and correct punctuation), organising our writing clearly using planning frames to aid us and to make our writing interesting using creative innovation. In our reading lessons, children will build on their reading fluency and comprehension. Children will develop their vocabulary, retrieval, inference, explanation and sequencing skills using the evidence in the text.</p> <p>The grammar foci for this half term will include: different word classes, accurate sentence punctuation and conjunctions.</p>	<p>In our Maths lessons, the children will focus on times tables: groups of 2 and commutativity. They will then move on to groups of 10 and 5 and factors of 0 and 1.</p> <p>We will then look again at commutativity and its relationship to doubling and halving.</p> <p>Later in the half term the children will relate their multiplication work to their new unit of division.</p>	<p>Year Two will begin this half term focussing on Christmas, helping the children to reflect upon the journeys associated with the Christmas story and what these journeys eventually tell us about Jesus' birth and the way people respond to his birth.</p> <p>The following unit Parables and Miracles is designed to develop the children's understanding of Jesus' parables and miracles. Through these they will develop a greater understanding of who Jesus is, his qualities as a healer and teacher and what his ministry was. We will also look at how the Church carries on Jesus' work of healing through the Sacrament of the Sick.</p>	<p>In Soccer 2000 lessons the children will be acquiring skills needed for Net and wall games. These develop many life skills for the children; proprioception, spatial awareness and visual tracking. It develops their understanding of tactics and how to change their delivery of a ball/object etc. Introduces the idea of opponents and trying to defend/attack. Net and wall games also encourage collaboration and perseverance.</p> <p>In Dance lessons, the children will develop their gross motor skills and flexibility. They will practise their balance, co-ordination and agility and build these into sequences.</p>
PSHE	Computing	Music	Art & Design
<p>This half term the children will be exploring their Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education by following the module: Me, My Body, My Health.</p> <p>This unit encourages children to celebrate similarities and differences between people, including our God-given bodies and the things they enable us to do! The children will also be taught about maintaining personal hygiene and the physical differences between boys and girls. Our link to Social Catholic Teaching is through the dignity of the human person and rights and responsibilities.</p> <p>The children will also be exploring the British Value of Rule of law and understand the importance of this.</p>	<p>In the Spreadsheet unit, the children will use a basic spreadsheet to add amounts and create a table and block graph.</p> <p>The Questioning unit is designed to help children learn about the importance of phrasing questions and that certain data-handling resources are limited in the answers they can provide. They will create pictograms and create Binary Trees.</p>	<p>In Music this half term, Year Two will ask, 'How Does Music Make the World a Better Place?'. The Social Question evolves as the children move through the scheme while encouraging them to be responsible and kind citizens of the world.</p> <p>The children will be using the skills of listening and responding, singing, playing and composing.</p>	<p>In Art our unit is called Clay Houses. The children will be exploring the way clay can be shaped and joined, children learn a range of essential skills for working with this medium. They learn about the sculpture of Rachel Whiteread and create their own clay house tile in response.</p>

Science	History	Design and Technology	Geography
<p>This half term Year Two will be taking the theme of Habitats. We will be looking at what a habitat is, how a habitat provides for us and those who live in it, as well as learning about how animals are adapted to living in different habitats. We will also look at what food is available in the different habitats and explore food chains.</p>	<p>Our unit is called Intrepid Explorers. Through an introduction to Christopher Columbus and the voyage of 1492 the children will go on to investigate his contribution to exploration. As the children look to the future they will consider space exploration, be introduced to Neil Armstrong, the 1969 moon landing, Mae Jemison and Major Tim Peake. There will also be opportunities to learn about exploration of Polar areas, mountains and the ocean.</p>	<p>Our unit for Year Two is: Mechanisms: making a moving monster. After learning the terms; pivot, lever and linkage, children get to design a monster that will move using a linkage mechanism. After practising making linkages of different types and varying the materials they use, children can also bring their monsters to life with the gift of movement.</p>	<p>Our unit this term is Hot and Cold places During our exploration of this, we will be understanding where the world's hot and cold places are, what it is like there and how animals adapt to living there. We will focus on deserts, rainforests and Antarctica.</p>
Home Learning		Key Dates	
<p>Children will have daily reading, spelling and maths tasks to help them practise and embed their learning. They will also have a weekly task to choose from which can be taken from different areas of the curriculum which we are studying this half term.</p> <p>It is essential at Year Two for children to read daily to an adult in order to develop their reading skills and fluency. Spelling mats will be given out on a Monday with a test in school the following Monday. Your support with practising the spellings and hearing your child read is greatly appreciated,</p>		<p>Children return to school- Monday 6th Jan Energy Saving Week 17th- 23rd Jan Holocaust Memorial Day 27th Jan Chinese New Year 29th Jan Children's Mental Health Week 3rd Feb- 9th Feb Internet safety day 11th Feb Half-term- 17th- 21st Feb</p>	