

# Year 2 Learning Overview

ADVENT TERM 2



## English

In this unit, we will use the focus text to write a narrative based on a setting.

Throughout the unit, we will build and focus on:  
Using suffixes -ly, less and ful

Using coordinating conjunctions

Using question and exclamation sentences

Using expanded noun phrases to add description

Using the past and present tense correctly

Developing our knowledge of

punctuation - . A ! ? , and `

We are reading...



We will begin our bridge to spelling units in phonics, focusing on rules for spellings.

We will read 1:1 with an adult, and in daily guided reading sessions to develop our fluency, prosody and comprehension skills

## Maths

This half term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction. It is extremely important that all children know their numbers to 10 and 20 with rapid recall. This will help them to add and subtract quickly when looking at more formal methods. The children will work on applying their knowledge to solve worded problems more independently.

## Science

This half term, the children will focus on developing their knowledge on habitats. Looking at the different conditions that animals need to be able to live in that habitat. We will explore our school grounds and look at the different habitats that it contains. The children will develop their knowledge about micro habitats, looking at different habitats around the world.

## RE

### Prophecy and Promise

In this branch, pupils build on prior knowledge of Jesus' infancy, exploring St Luke's narrative and the role of John the Baptist. They learn about Mary's 'Yes' to God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and key events such as the Visitation and the Nativity, highlighting God's love for all people. Children begin to understand the importance of prayer, being open to God's Word, and recognising how God works through the Holy Spirit in people's lives. Pupils also explore the Advent season, its symbols, and traditions from different cultures, connecting the Scripture message to ways Christians can bring joy to the world today.

# History

## History – Victorians

This half term, we will be historians and focus on looking at the Victorian Era and how things have changed. By the end of the unit the children will know:

- Where the Victorians fit within a chronological framework
- Similarities and differences between ways of life for children in Victorian Times and now.
- There was a difference between poor and rich children.
- The reasons why poor people went into Southwell Workhouse.
- There were punishments for not working hard.
- Different objects used in the school room and select those that are still used today.

# Music

The specialist music teachers will come into Year 2 once a week. They will continue to develop their skills to:

- Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes
- Play tuned and untuned instruments musically
- Listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music

# PE

Hockey will be our focus for PE this half-term. Children will learn how to grip and position the hockey stick correctly, ready to move a ball. They will copy the correct position to make a pass. They will begin to use space in a game with and without a ball. The children will apply all their skills to play a hockey game, focusing on learning the rules and working together as a team.



# RSHE

## Created and loved by God

We will be looking at exploring the individual through the church's teaching that we are made in the image and likeness of God. We will be learning to value ourselves as the basis for our relationships.

We will explore different feelings and how to manage these.

We will look at the natural life stages from birth to death and the explore the feelings associated with death..

# Computing

## Computing Systems and Networks:

We will continue to focus on looking at how computers connect and communicate with each other. We will also focus on how we stay safe online and not share information.

Our key aims this half term are:

- To recognise different forms of technology
- To design an invention which included inputs and outputs
- To explain the role of computers in the world around us.
- To know how to stay safe online and actions to take when we do not feel safe.

# Art

This unit of art will focus on developing the children's drawing skills, looking at a range of many techniques and textures using a range of art materials. They will:

- Know a range of mark making techniques.
- Develop observational drawing skills
- Apply expressions to illustrate a character.

