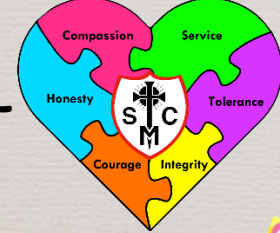


Year 2 Learning Overview

PENTECOST TERM 1



English

In this unit, In this unit of writing we will focus on two text types:

- A persuasive letter
- A narrative

Children will read and explore examples of these before planning and writing their own.

Key Writing Skills:

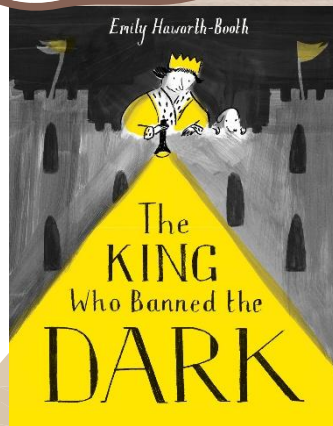
Building on previous units to

- Use of conjunctions – coordination and subordination
- Use expanded noun phrases
- Use of past and present tense

Key Punctuation Skills

- Use of capital letters and full stops
- Using commas in a list

We are reading...



We will continue with daily spelling patterns. Spellings will be given out on a Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

We will read together daily, in whole class reading sessions to develop our fluency, prosody and comprehension skills. We will be focusing on the book Fantastic Mr Fox

Maths

Intro to Fractions



This half term, the children will develop their understanding of fractions. They will learn to recognise, find and name fractions such as $1/2$, $1/3$, $1/4$ and $3/4$ of shapes and quantities. They will also explore how fractions can represent equal parts of a whole and have use practical resources and visual models to support their learning. After, the children will focus on learning how to tell the time on analogue and digital clocks.



RE

To the Ends of the Earth

In this branch, the children will be learning about the Holy Spirit and how it can change people's lives. Through stories such as the Ascension and Pentecost, children will explore how the disciples were transformed and given courage to share God's message.

Pupils will learn about the fruits of the Holy Spirit, such as kindness, patience and self-control, and begin to understand how these can be shown in their own lives. They will also hear about important figures like St Paul and other saints, learning how their faith helped them to grow and make positive changes in the world.

Through prayer, reflection and discussion, children will be encouraged to think about how they can welcome the Holy Spirit into their hearts and show its gifts through their actions and choices.

Science

This term in Year 2 Science, children will be learning about "Animals, including Humans." They will explore what animals, including humans, need to survive, such as food, water and air. The children will also learn about the importance of healthy lifestyles, including exercise, balanced diets and good hygiene. As part of this topic, pupils will study life cycles and find out how animals grow and change from young to adults. They will compare different animals and begin to understand how offspring develop into adults. Through discussions and practical activities, children will build their scientific knowledge while learning how to take care of their own bodies.



History



Nurturing Nurses

This term in History, Year 2 will be learning about "Nurturing Nurses" and the important role nurses have played in the past and today. The children will study significant individuals such as Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell, and find out how they helped to improve healthcare.

Pupils will explore why these nurses are remembered and what made them significant, such as Florence Nightingale improving hospital hygiene, Mary Seacole caring for soldiers during the war, and Edith Cavell helping people during difficult times. The children will also compare nursing in the past with modern nursing, looking at how healthcare has changed over time. They will learn about improvements in hospitals, training and equipment, and discuss how nurses continue to play a vital role in caring for others today.



Music

This term in Music, Year 2 will explore a range of styles including South African music, as well as funk, jazz, rock and pop punk. Children will learn songs such as The Lion Sleeps Tonight and develop their confidence in singing and performing.

They will play tuned percussion instruments, keep in time with the beat and begin to read simple notation. Pupils will also explore chords, improvisation and simple composition. Throughout the unit, children will use musical vocabulary such as beat, tempo and dynamics, and learn to perform and reflect on their music.

PE

This term in PE, Year 2 will be developing their athletics skills. Children will practise running, jumping and throwing, focusing on improving their coordination, balance and speed to prepare for Sports Day. They will take part in a range of fun activities and challenges, learning how to run at different speeds, jump for distance and height, and throw with accuracy and control.



RSHE

This term in RSHE, Year 2 will be learning about Economic Wellbeing. Children will explore how money is used in everyday life, including earning, spending and saving.

Pupils will begin to understand the difference between needs and wants, and learn how to make simple choices about money. They will also explore the roles people play in the community and how different jobs help us.

Through discussion and activities, children will develop an early understanding of managing money responsibly and making thoughtful decisions.

Computing



This term in Computing, Year 2 will be learning about Online Safety. Children will explore how to use the internet safely and responsibly, including how to keep personal information private.

Pupils will learn what to do if something online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable, and the importance of telling a trusted adult. They will also begin to understand how to be kind and respectful when using technology.

Through discussions and activities, children will build confidence in making safe choices when using digital devices.

D and T

This term in Design and Technology, Year 2 will be learning basic sewing skills. Children will explore how to join fabrics using simple stitches, such as running stitch, and will practise threading a needle safely.

Pupils will design and make a small fabric product, applying their sewing skills with support. They will learn how to plan, cut and join materials, and think about how to improve their work.

Through this unit, children will develop their fine motor skills, creativity and understanding of simple textile techniques.

