

## Year 2 Term 2

### Key Questions

How is each continent different?  
Why does Christmas matter to Christians?

### Key Texts

Fantastic Mr Fox  
Year 2 Spine books

### Key Outcomes

Narrative based on The Barnabus Project  
Moving Monsters  
Class fact files for each continent

#### Challenge

We are challenged and supported to achieve success.

#### Caring

We care for and value each other and ourselves.

#### Community

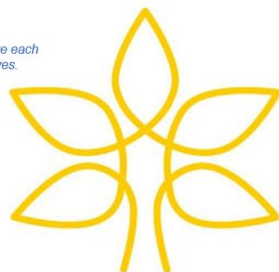
We work together to build respectful relationships in all communities.

#### Curriculum

We learn new and amazing things!

#### Citizenship

We learn how to stand firm as citizens of the world around us and beyond.



### Saint John's CE Primary School Termly Overview

where we all flourish

We are 'like a tree, flourishing in God's unfailing love' Psalm 52:8  
From diverse beginnings and building on our Christian values, we grow together to reach up and reach out.

### This term's Christian value: Forgiveness

We will consider how we show this value in our school **community**, through **caring** for each other. We will reflect on those who demonstrate these values towards us as well as how we can demonstrate them to others.

#### Writing and SPAG

This term, our writing will be linked to the book **The Barnabus Project**. We will use the Talk for Writing approach to explore the text. The children will design their own 'perfect' creature then plan and write narratives about its escape. All of our writing, including spelling, grammar and punctuation, will be based around our modelled text. We will also have opportunities for cross-curricular writing.

#### Reading

The children will continue to have lots of opportunities to read at school, including in our whole class reading lessons. Identifying new vocabulary and its meaning will continue to be a focus, as well as using VIPERS skills to answer a range of questions. We will also focus on improving our fluency when reading. We will continue to read our Year 2 'Spine Books,' as well as enjoy 'Fantastic Mr Fox' as our class novel.

#### Maths

We will cover two units this term. The first unit is on **Addition and Subtraction** and the children will learn how to add and subtract two 2-digit numbers. There will be a continued focus on developing their mental maths skills. Our second unit is **Shape**. As well as naming common 2-D and 3-D shapes, children will learn how to describe their properties, as well as identify their lines of symmetry.

#### PHSE/RSE

This term as part of our unit of work on PSHE, we will be thinking about **valuing difference**. This will include thinking about what makes us who we are, how we make others feel?, when someone is feeling left out and problem solving.

#### Learning through Locality

We will use local plants to identify and classify the plants that grow here compared to other habitats.

#### Outdoor Learning

We will use our front garden to support our science unit of work on Living Things and their Habitats.

The children will explore nature through child-led play in our Forest School sessions.

#### Home Learning

Reading

Weekly spelling tests, with an emphasis of putting words into sentences.

Numbots/TT Rock Stars

#### Enrichment and Partnership

Forest School

Weekly reading sessions with students from Cheltenham College

Christmas nativity at Highbury Church

Christmas Service at St Lukes

#### Science

In our topic on **Living Things and their Habitats**, we will find out about seaside habitats, as well as research unfamiliar habitats. We will also continue our learning about **Materials and their Properties**. We will carry out a number of investigations including considering how materials change with heat and testing the strength of materials.

#### Geography

Our unit of work will be based around the continents and oceans of the world, with our big question being, '**How is each continent different?**' We will develop our geographical skills by using maps and atlases to locate the continents and oceans, as well as doing our own research online to find out about each continent. We will produce a fact sheet for each continent.

#### R.E.

We will be considering the question, '**Why does Christmas matter to Christians?**' We will learn about advent, as well as the story of Jesus and the Nativity. The children will learn ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas, as well as considering what they have to be thankful for at Christmas.

#### D.T.

This term our unit is called **Mechanisms: Making a Moving Monster**. Children will learn about how we use pivots and linkages to allow things to move. They will make their own linkages and use these when making their own moving monsters. They will get a chance to evaluate their models at the end.

#### Phonics

We will continue to consolidate all of the phonics learned in Year 1, with a particular focus on the independent application of these known sounds during independent writing.

#### Computing

We will be focusing on the unit 'IT around us.' We will discuss IT in the home and how IT benefits society in places such as shops, libraries, and hospitals. We will discuss how to use IT responsibly and how to make smart choices when using it.

#### P.E.

We will cover two units of work: **Ball Skills**, where children will develop skills before using them in a variety of games and **Dance**.

#### Music

##### Instruments In Musical Storytelling

Children will learn how events, actions and feelings within stories can be represented by pitch, dynamics and tempo.