



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year! We are looking forward to a New Year of learning in Year Two. This half term our main topic is '**Toys and Games**'. Where possible, all of your child's learning will be linked to this subject. Below is a topic map outlining the areas of learning we intend to cover this term. A copy of this document can also be found on our website. **PE lessons** this year will take place on a **Wednesday**. Homework will be set every **Monday** on MS Teams and other websites such as MyMaths or Purple Mash. Thank you.

Miss Sutherland - Class teacher

MATHS

In Maths, we will learn about **number and place value**. We will practise recognising the value of each digit in a 2 digit number and we will compare and order numbers.

We will also work on **adding and subtracting numbers**. We will learn about multiplying numbers – where we will begin to learn our **2, 5 and 10 times tables**.

We will be practising dividing numbers into equal groups.

We will learn about the **properties of 2D shapes**.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will begin the term by learning about our **class saint** and the school **mission statement**.

In Religious Education, we will be learning through the topic of '**Creation and Covenant**'. We will learn about the story of Noah and the promise God made. Later in the term we will discuss the sacrament of baptism. The story of creation also links with the Catholic social teaching principle of stewardship and looking after the planet.

COMPUTING

We will be working on the Purple Mash scheme. We will start by learning about route explorers and the different ways we can use the internet.

HISTORY

In History, we will be exploring **toys and games**.

We will be looking at what toys are made of and comparing toys from the past with toys we play with today.

We will also be writing about what our favourite toys are and why.

We will also focus on a theme for **Black History Month**.

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MUSIC

This half term, we will be learning about tone by exploring long and short sounds. We will also look at music that explore the theme of Black History Month.

SCIENCE

This term our topic will be **Everyday Materials**. We will be identifying and grouping different materials based on their properties. We will carry out different investigations to test the best material for different purposes.



WRITING AND READING

In the first part of this term, we will be looking at '**Change Sings**' by Amanda Gorman. We will then read '**If all the World Were**' by Joseph Coelho to inspire our Writing.

We will be:

- Exploring characters' feelings
- Writing letters of advice
- Writing a diary entry
- Writing our own version of the poem

At the end of the half term, we will be reading '**Wolves**' by Emily Gravett. We will use this text to compare the different ways wolves are portrayed in stories and to write our own information text about wolves.



PSHE

We will be learning about how to use a Growth Mindset instead of a fixed mindset. In Mindup, we will be learning about how the brain develops and makes connections over time.

ART AND DESIGN

Drawing – We will be creating observational drawings in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe. Investigate tone by drawing light/dark lines, patterns and shapes. Investigate patterns and texture by describing and recreating.

SPORTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our focus will be on **Gymnastics** and building resilience and perseverance when things are challenging.