

## YEAR GROUP: 2

## TERM: Summer

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term we are looking at the uses of Church and family. Children will learn how different places of worship bring people together and why families may visit a church. For example worship and weddings. Children will also be learning some historical bible stories including feeding the 5000.

### ART

This term children will be learning how to create and blend different colours. They will begin by learning the primary colours and how to use these to make secondary colours. They will work with Emma Wilde to create plaster eggs and butterflies. Then using black and white children will make decisions on how to make colours lighter or darker depending on what they are drawing. In the second half of the term children will go outside to draw a landscape around the school.

### GEOGRAPHY

The children will look at countries in the European Union and learn basic facts about the referendum. Map skills will be developed in conjunction with our history work. The children will use atlases to chart Florence Nightingale's journey to the Crimean War.

### COMPUTING

The children will use search engines to locate information about Florence Nightingale. Skills of combining text and images will be consolidated. This will be assessed by creating a poster for the Summer Fayre. We will use the paint and drawing programmes to create pictures and images.

### ENGLISH

The children will continue to increase their understanding of word classes including adjectives, adverbs, nouns and using expanded noun phrases. Punctuation will concentrate on full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks and question marks. Children will be expected to use commas in a list.

Spelling will now focus on the individual words that your child finds tricky. They will have individual spellings which will be practised daily at school. Handwriting will now focus on developing a joined style.

Writing for different purposes will be taught alongside our topic work. Our chickens will give plenty of opportunities to create egg diaries, descriptions and reports. Our Trip to Tigglywinks will provide inspiration for our recounts.

#### KEY TEXTS:

**From Egg to Chicken**  
**Lifecycles of Chickens**  
**The Hare and the Tortoise**  
**The life of Florence Nightingale**

## THEME Animals

### MATHEMATICS

We will be covering numbers and the number system, working on times tables, addition and subtraction, measuring, time, shape, space and using what we know to solve real life problems. We will continue to practise timetables and the children will practice improving both speed and accuracy. Our daily Power of Ten sessions will be used to address these skills. This term there will be a strong focus on consolidating children's mental maths skills

The children will consolidate their abilities to use written methods for addition and subtraction. These are the methods that we shared with you during our Year 2 Maths Skills sessions.

### British Values

Skills of democracy will developed as the children make decisions and choices. They will understand what a 'majority vote' means. Respect for school values will be continually reinforced. The children will focus on what it means to live in Britain today. What does Liberty mean? How are our lives the same as or different to children's' lives in other countries? What do British school children have the freedom to do? Why is it important to respect the faiths and beliefs of others?

### SCIENCE

In the first half term the children will be studying animals and their habitats. They will learn the life cycle of an egg/chicken and be able to name some basic food chains. They will carry out an investigation to find out which animals are the most popular pets and start to think about habitats of other animals and how they are adapted to suit their environment.

In the second half term the children will learn about every day materials. Children will investigate which materials are best suited for different tasks. Thinking about the how materials bend, twist, squash and stretch.

### MUSIC

The children will attend The Primary Music Festival on June 2. There they will join many other Year two classes from across Milton Keynes. This will be a wonderful opportunity to show case their singing skills. Our singing assembly to parents; Pirates V Mermaids will be on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 2.30p.m.

### PE

The children will continue to work alongside Premier Sports coaches this term. There will be a strong focus on outdoor P.E. particularly athletics and ball skills. On 15<sup>th</sup> July all children will take part in sports day. This will include taking part in competitive and team based activities.

### HISTORY

As part of our Topic, Florence Nightingale, the children will learn about the life and times of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. They will understand how these characters changed nursing practice across the world. There will opportunities to use different sources of evidence including photographs, diaries and facts. We will also create a Crimean War hospital in our classes.

### SMSC

To celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, the children will learn about the Royal Family and our monarchy. A street party will be held in the afternoon. School values will continue to be embedded throughout our work and play!