



# Year 2 Autumn Term 2 2023



*Learning together, Loving God, Becoming the best I can.  
Attentive and discerning*

## **English:**

Our focus text this half term is On the Way Home. We will be writing character descriptions and developing our writing to retell the story.

Throughout our writing we will be using commas in a list, question marks when writing questions and adjectives.

We will also learn more about poetry, focusing on Remembrance Poetry and Bonfire Night rhymes, this will include writing our own poetry on these topics.

## **RE:**

### **Special Celebrations**

We will be developing understanding of the Liturgical year as a celebration of the life of Christ. We will also learn about Baptism and Marriage as special sacramental celebrations.

### **Advent**

We will be developing knowledge of this time, symbols and characters of the liturgical season of Advent. We will also focus on Advent being a season of preparation for Christmas through the story of John the Baptist and parish activities.



## **Maths:**

We will be learning:

- To subtract two 2-digit numbers
- To complete mixed addition and subtraction
- To compare number sentences
- To solve missing number problems
- To recognise and sort 2D and 3D shapes
- To count sides and vertices on 2D shapes
- To recognise lines of symmetry on shapes
- To count faces, edges and vertices on 3D shapes
- To make patterns with 2D and 3D shapes



## **History: Guy Fawkes/Remembrance Day**

We will be learning:

- To explain why Guy Fawkes wanted to blow up the Houses of Parliament.
- To explain who Guy Fawkes was.
- To explain why we celebrate Guy Fawkes day.
- To understand why we celebrate Remembrance Day.
- To talk about how Remembrance Day is celebrated in the UK.
- To understand how other countries around the world commemorate those who died in the war.





### **Music: Orchestral Instruments**

We will be learning:

- To listen to and analyse an orchestral version of a traditional story
- To listen to and analyse a film musical version of a traditional story
- To select appropriate sounds to match events, characters and feelings in a story
- To write a play script and select appropriate musical sounds to accompany it
- To perform a story script with accompanying music

### **Science: Living things: Microhabitats**

We will be learning:

- To classify a variety of minibeasts
- To recognise how scientists answer questions
- To recognise that living things live in habitats to which they are suited
- To gather and record data to answer a question
- To ask questions and plan how to carry out an experiment
- To carry out an experiment and record data in a table
- To identify a variety of flowering plants
- To understand the role of a botanist



### **Computing: Information technology around us**

We will be learning:

- To recognise the uses and features of information technology
- To identify the uses of information technology in the school
- To identify information technology beyond school
- To explain how information technology helps us

### **D&T: Structures: Baby bears chair**

We will be learning:

- To explore the concept and features of structures and the stability of different shapes
- To understand that the shape of the structure affects its strength
- To make a structure according to design criteria

- To explain how to use information technology safely
- To recognise that choices are made when using information technology



- To produce a finished structure and evaluate its strength, stiffness and stability

**PE:**

**Indoors - (Wednesday)** Dance

**Outdoors - (Friday)** Hit, Catch, Run

**Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on these days and that long hair is tied back appropriately and earrings removed.**

**Dates for your diary:**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December- First Sunday of Advent

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Fair

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December-Family morning (online safety)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December-Break up for the Christmas holidays