

# Year 2 Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview

## RE

In Year 2 RE, our topic of Creation and Covenant introduces the children to key biblical stories and concepts. They have explored the story of Noah, focusing on God's promise and the significance of the rainbow as a symbol of that covenant. The children have also reflected on how they can be good stewards of God's world by caring for the environment. Additionally, the unit covers Baptism, helping children understand its importance as a sign of belonging to God's family.

*God's Unconditional Love*

## Maths

Throughout our maths topics this term, children have focused on understanding numbers up to 100 and the place value of tens and ones. They have learned to add 2-digit numbers using the column method, developing their confidence in written calculations. The children have also practiced counting in 2s, 5's and 10s, helping them recognise number patterns and improving their multiplication foundations. This unit strengthens their understanding of number relationships, place value, and essential arithmetic skills.

## Geography

In this geography unit, the children have learned about the 7 continents, the equator, and how it relates to hot and cold countries. They have explored the 4 countries of the UK, their capital cities, and surrounding seas. Children have also studied human and physical features of their local area and created an aerial map of the school to practice mapping skills.

## Science

In our unit on Animals Including Humans, the children have explored what living things need to survive, such as food, water, and air. They have learned that offspring grow into adults and investigated how a balanced diet and exercise keep the body healthy. This unit helps the children to understand growth, health, and survival in animals and humans.

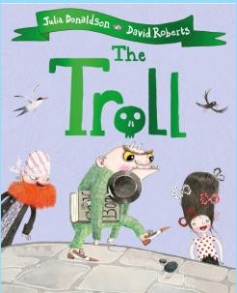
## Writing

Our book for writing this half term has been Troll Swap by Leigh Hodgkinson. Throughout the unit, the children have explored sentence structure, oral rehearsal, expanding their sentences using conjunctions (e.g. and, because), along with an introduction to expanded noun phrases and including these within their writing.



## Reading

Our book for reading this half term has been The Troll, by Julia Donaldson. The children have focused on expanding their vocabulary and deepening their understanding of the text. They have worked on answering questions by retrieving key information directly from the story and using inference to explore the characters' thoughts, actions, and motivations.



## Art

In our art unit, Drawing: Tell a Story, the children have explored mark-making with various materials to create textures. They developed observational drawing skills and learned to draw facial features that express different emotions, bringing their characters to life.

## PE

In Year 2, we have had our PE sessions on Friday afternoons. The children have been working on their ball handling techniques along with teaming up with Year 6 and participating in multi-sports buddying.

## Homework

Children are expected to read every day, as this builds understanding and fluency, along with spellings practice and maths homework each week.