

Year 2 Autumn 2 Curriculum Overview

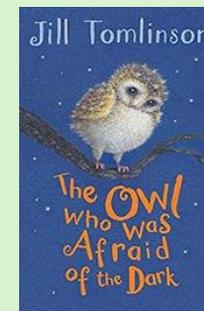
RE

In this unit on Prophecy and Promise, children will learn about key Bible stories and meet important figures like John the Baptist and Mary. They will explore Advent as a season of waiting and preparation, discovering its symbols, such as the Advent wreath and candles. The lessons will also introduce prophets and prophetesses, focusing on how they conveyed God's promises.

God's Unconditional Love

Writing

Our book for writing next half term is *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson. Throughout the unit, the children will consolidate their understanding of expanded noun phrases and use *because* for subordination. They will also learn to add the "ly" suffix to change adjectives into adverbs. The unit will focus on non-chronological reports, with the final task being to write their own report.

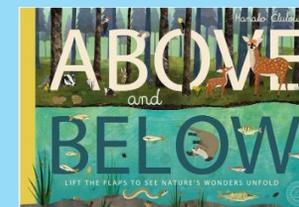


Maths

In our maths topics next term, children will continue developing their formal written methods for addition and subtraction, consolidating their understanding of the column method. The units will also introduce multiplication and division, with a focus on applying rules to the 2, 5, and 10 times tables. This helps the children to build a solid foundation in basic arithmetic, enabling them to solve problems confidently using both written and mental methods.

Reading

Our book for reading next half term will be *Above and Below*, by Patricia Hegarty. This unit focuses on further developing their inference skills to understand deeper meanings within the text. They will also learn to identify how language, structure, and presentation contribute to the overall meaning and their understanding of the story. This unit helps children to engage critically with the text whilst building comprehension and analytical skills.



History

Next term we will learn about The Great Fire of London. The children will explore life in 1600s London, learning how the fire started and the methods used to extinguish it. They will discover how the fire led to changes in safety laws that still impact life today. Key figures such as King Charles II, Samuel Pepys, and Christopher Wren will be introduced, highlighting their roles during and after the fire.

DT

In next terms topic *How to Make a Roly Poly Move*. The children learn how to design rolling toys. They will investigate various types of rolling motions and how they are achieved through different arrangements of wheels and axles and learn three methods for attaching a tube to a paper plate. The children will also design expressive faces for their toys, combining creativity with functionality.

Science

Our topic next term will be *Living Things and Their Habitats*. The children will learn how habitats meet the basic needs of plants and animals and identify some plants and animals, including those in microhabitats. They will also study food chains and how living things depend on one another. They will investigate how animals and plants adapt to their environments and learn to differentiate between living, dead, and non-living things.

PE

During our PE lessons next term, we will focus on developing movement skills through various activities that enhance coordination, balance, and control. The children will also be introduced to yoga, where they will practice poses and breathing techniques that improve flexibility, strength, and mindfulness.

Homework

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