



**Britain is Great!**



## **Curriculum in Detail**

**Year 2**

**Autumn Term**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back!

For those of you who I haven't had a chance to meet yet, I'm Miss Phillips and I'll be teaching Year 2 this year alongside Mrs Shirley. I'm excited to be returning to school after having my baby and cannot wait to take the children on their learning journey throughout Great Britain!

In their first topic, Britain is Great, the children will be learning all about how Great Britain changed during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and will have the opportunity to explore a range of fantastic fictional stories based in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales!

### **Maths**

This term places a strong focus on the place value of numbers to 100. After initially revisiting their learning from Year 1, the children will use a range of manipulatives and representations to help them recognise, write, estimate, order and compare numbers to 100.

Later on in the term, the children will apply their knowledge of place value to adding and subtracting one and two-digit numbers. The remainder of the Autumn Term focusses on shape.

## English

We will begin the term with a strong focus on writing sentences correctly using capital letters and full stops. Our writing will initially be based on *A Bear Called Paddington* and will include: a description of the adorable bear himself; a postcard home to Aunt Lucy; a description of the city of London, and a set of instructions for how to make a marmalade sandwich!

Later on in the term we will enjoy the stories of *Nessie* and *Dilwyn the Welsh Dragon*.

## Science

Through our first topic, '*Animals, Including Humans*', the children will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring that grow into adults. They will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival, and finally how important it is for humans to exercise, eat the right amounts of different types of food, and keep clean.

## R.E

This term's first R.E unit is '*Creation: Who mad the world?*' in which the children will explore what the Creation Story tells Christians about God, Creation and the world. From this, they will gain a better understanding of why humans should care for the world because it belongs to God, the Creator.

After half term, we will be exploring the key question: *Why does Christmas matter to Christians?*

## History and Geography

In History, the children will learn all about the life of our former Queen and how changes during her reign shaped our lives today.

In Geography, the children will learn about the countries of the United Kingdom and what makes each one unique.

## Art and D.T

Our first unit in Art looks at the work of Lucian Freud, through which the children will learn to paint a self-portrait in an expressionist style.

In D.T, the children will be making their own models of famous London landmarks.

## PSHE

PSHE sessions will continue to follow our *HeartSmart* programme, learning how important and valued we are through the unit *Don't Forget to Let Love In!*

## P.E

The children will have Forest School on Mondays (groups will alternate weeks) and Dance with Amy on Tuesdays.

## Computing

Through their first Computing unit, the children will look at how technology is being used for good in our lives. Following an initial focus on IT in the home, they will explore how technology benefits society in places such as shops, libraries and hospitals. They will discuss the responsible use of technology and how to make smart choices when using it.

## Music

This term's unit is based on the song '*Hands, Feet, Heart*', which is a song written to celebrate and learn about South African Music. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, the children will listen and appraise different styles of South African music.

## Home Learning

<b>Reading</b>	Daily for at least 15 minutes. Please sign your child's Reading Record to show they have read. We have a new reading ladder in class which your child will be able to climb each time they read!
<b>Spellings</b>	Please encourage your child to practise their spellings each week for a test that will take place every Monday. Spellings will be taken from their RWI sessions, and from the list of common exception words for Years 1 and 2.
<b>Times Tables</b>	Now that your child is in Year 2, it is important that times table practice becomes part of their weekly home learning. In Year 4, they will take part in a statutory times table check on <u>every</u> times table. Your child will be tested on the times table they are on every Monday and Friday.

What an exciting term we are going to have!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on [aphillips@stmcep.school](mailto:aphillips@stmcep.school)

Best wishes,

Miss Phillips