



## Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

### Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

#### Autumn Term



Please read the below information to find out what your child will be learning this half term. Please find

#### English

We are starting with the traditional tale of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Through this we will be consolidating using capital letters and full stops and using noun phrases in our writing to describe. We will be creating wanted posters, writing letters and re-telling stories. Then, we will move onto a book all about King Charles which is linked to our Autumn 1 topic of 'The Crown'. Through this non-fiction book, we will publish diary entries and create fact files. Throughout this term, we will continue to focus on Year 1 and 2 Common Exception words and consolidate Phase 5 phonics to help support our spellings.

#### Maths

First, we will focus on Place Value where we will revisit our knowledge of tens and ones and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will then focus on the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will use concrete objects such as dienes and counters to help us. We will continue to practise recalling our numbers to 10 and 100 so that we are confident with both addition and subtraction facts. During this term, we will also cover measurement topics such as time, money and length. Before finally looking at simple fractions at the end of the year.

#### Science

In Science, we will be starting with the topic animals including humans where we will find out about the basic needs that animals need to survive and the importance of healthy living. Then, we will move onto materials where we investigate a variety of everyday materials and see how solid objects can be changed!

#### Religious Education (R.E.)

In Autumn 1, we begin with 'Into the Church' where we look at the importance of the church to its community and some of the sacraments such as baptism and mass. Then, we will look at the key time in the Catholic calendar that is Advent to Christmas.

#### Art and DT

In Art, we will begin with colour theory, painting and printing. We will link these to our topic the crown as well as looking at a range of artists, such as, Atta Kwami and Paul Klee. In Autumn 2, we will move onto DT where we will focus on our design and building skills linked to our local geography topic 'Arsenal'. In this we will use pulley systems and consider what materials to use in a design.

#### Humanities

In History, we will be looking at the topic 'The Crown' where we will look at the life of Queen Elizabeth II and think about the chronology of her life as well as understanding key points in British history. In Geography, we will be having a local focus that centres around Arsenal. We will be looking at maps, exploring the local area and looking at the difference between physical and human features!

#### P.E

In P.E, we will be starting with the Arsenal and Non-Stop-Action coaches where we will cover skills such as playing invasion games (football) and exploring manipulative skills. In Autumn 2, we will be looking at hitting, catching and running and have coaches again for our gymnastics topic!

#### Computing

In Computing, year 2 will be looking at digital literacy and thinking about what it means to be online in school and how to do that safely. Children will be creating art work and documents using online applications and linked to our History and Art topics.

#### PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) Education

In PSHE, children will look at their mental health and wellbeing particularly focusing on friendships. Then, we will look at SRE and discussing boys, girls and families – celebrating their diverseness!

#### Music

In Music, there will be a R&B Music Focus. Focussing on rhythmic notation, and the application to lyrics, syllables, and percussion instruments. This will link to Black History Month and include a study of artists within the genre and culture. In Autumn 2, this will culminate in a performance of singing and using percussion instruments.

#### Reminders:

**PE kits:** standard white Sacred Heart PE top, blue Sacred Heart PE shorts, suitable trainers. The winter variation is plain grey or navy blue tracksuit bottoms.

**Homework:** Daily reading and questions will be given Monday – Thursday as well as a phonic sound to be practiced. On Fridays, there will be alternating spelling or Maths homework that is to be completed by the following Friday.