 **Year 2 Autumn 2 Half Term 2023**

Our big theme question is ‘Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place? This is a Geography theme.

Our Christian Value this half term is THANKFULNESS. UNICEF RIGHT: Article 24 Children have the right to the best health care possible, clean water to drink, healthy food and a clean and safe environment to live in. All adults and children should have information about how to stay safe and healthy.

This half term is always very busy with the build up to Christmas and Y2 (supported by Y1 and Reception) will be preparing for a Christmas performance and enjoying a visit to the Pantomime.

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|  | **Autumn 2** |
| **English** | Children will have been assessed and will be in new phonics / reading groups. Reading will be the focus in RWI groups, pushing for improved phonics knowledge and fluency and in turn, comprehension. Our English lessons will focus on writing and include spelling, punctuation and grammar. Our writing for this half term will focus on the text Jim and the Beanstalk by Raymond Briggs where we will be writing a sequel story. The other text will be The Journey Home by Frann Preston-Gannon where we will be writing a persuasive letter. We will also be continuing to work on handwriting in Y2 and beginning to join. |
| **Mathematics** | We will be continuing our unit on addition and subtraction this half term following the White Rose Maths scheme. The children will learn to add and subtract 1 and 10 from 2 digit numbers and progress to adding and subtracting two 2 digit numbers. We will be doing our daily fluency practise focusing on number bonds to 10 and 20 to build up automaticity. We will also cover the unit of Shape which will focus on naming and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. |
| **Science** | We will be completing our Science topic of materials and looking at how materials can change when we bend, heat, twist and stretch them. |
| **DT** | In DT we will be learning about mechanisms and children will be making a Ferris wheel focusing on their cutting and joining skills and making their product rotate. |
| **Music** | We will be using music lessons to focus on singing and rehearsal for our Christmas performance. |
| **PE** | We will be continuing to do gymnastics this half term and then move on to some elements of dance. |
| **Geography** | In Geography this half-term we will be introducing children to the basic concept of climate zones and mapping out hot and cold places globally looking at various hot and cold places. We will also be learning about compass directions and continents. Our Geography will be taught using our new Kapow Geography scheme. |
| **RE** | Our R.E. this half term is based on Christianity and Jesus and we will be looking at the question ‘Why do Christians say that Jesus is the light of the world?’ Worship will be focused on our value of Thankfulness and also learning about advent in the build up to Christmas. |
| **PSHE** | This half term we will be focusing on Relationships. In particular working and playing co-operatively, listening to other opinions and why it is wrong to bully others. |
| **Computing** | We will be completing our unit on information technology (IT) and starting our next unit Digital photography. During this we will be capturing and changing digital photographs for different purposes |