



### **English**

As writers we will be creating Halloween list poems using expanded noun phrases. We will move on to our Art/Film focus which is based on The Chronicles of Narnia. After watching short clips from the film we will use our knowledge of noun phrases to write descriptions of characters from the film. Nearer Christmas, we will be writing alternative versions of traditional tales.

### **Mathematics**

As mathematicians we will continue to learn addition and subtraction facts by heart. We will be learning to add and subtract two digit numbers with using Tens and Ones apparatus including borrowing and carrying. We will begin work on multiplication and division. Learning our two, five and three times tables will be very important.

### **Science - What is our school made of?**

As scientists we will continue with our exploration of different materials by observing the effects of heating and cooling them. We will ask scientific questions and answer some of them by planning and carrying out simple investigations.

### **PE**

In outdoor PE we will be developing our games skills. Indoors we will be practicing skills and performing dances in connection with our RE topics.

### **RE**

During our RE work we will be exploring the significance of light in religion. We will be learning about preparations for the festival of Diwali and how light is important for Hindus. We will end the term by looking at how Christians use light to celebrate Christmas.

## **Year 2 – Autumn 2**

### **Our topic will be: What has changed since my grandparents were young?**

#### **History**

As historians, we will be asking questions about the lives of our grandparents, such as:  
What was their day like at school?  
What sort of music did they listen to?  
How did they celebrate birthdays?  
What were their clothes like?  
We will be comparing our own lives with life in the recent past and asking if the changes have been for the better.

#### **Music**

As musicians, we will be learning carols and songs to sing for Christmas concerts. We will be exploring practicing using un-tuned instruments to accompany our performances.

#### **Art/Design Technology**

We will continue to develop our colour mixing skills to create warm and cold abstract paintings. We will also be using our English/film focus as a stimulus to create large scale and collaborative art. In design technology, we will be exploring mechanisms for making Christmas cards with moving parts.

#### **Computing**

During our computing work we will continue to develop our word processing skills.

#### **Class Reading**

This half term we will be reading The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis.

#### **PSHCE**

During our PSHCE work we will practise giving and receiving compliments, seeing situations from our own and other people's point of view and learning ways to deal with feelings of anger.

#### **Enrichment**

This half term we will be preparing for and taking part in a Grandparents' Afternoon when we invite a grandparent to visit us in school so that we can find out about life in the past and to enjoy craft activities together.  
Christmas performances, parties and a visit to a local church will all take place in the last week of term.

#### **Important Information**

This half term Year 2 children will have outdoor PE lessons each Friday and an indoor lesson on Thursdays. Please could you ensure that a suitable kit is provided on these days.

#### Ideas for helping your child this half term

- Read together as often as possible
- Help him/her to learn the two, five and three times tables.
- Talk about life in the past and how it is different from today.