

# Chapter 2 Learning Journey

## English

This half term, Chapter 2 will be using *The Night Garden* by Eric and Terry Fan as a springboard for their learning in English lessons. Based on this text, they will be writing diaries and setting narratives. In our Steps to Read lessons, Chapter 2 are developing their comprehension skills through our Fairy Stories and Poetry topic. This will include a range of texts including *The Owl and the Pussycat*, *The Glassmaker's Daughter* and *The Secret of the Tattered Shoes*.

## Mathematics

Children will be learning how to estimate and measure lengths in cm and m using rulers and metre sticks, as well as practising drawing lines accurately. Then we will be moving on to interpreting and representing data on block diagrams, tally charts and pictograms. Finally, we will look at multiplication and division, focusing on facts and word problems relating to the 2, 5 and 10 x tables.

## Spanish

### Paddington en Peru

This half term, Year 2 pupils will be using their atlas skills to locate and learn about a Spanish speaking country; Peru. They will discover key features of the country and will learn more about Paddington Bear's connection with Peru. This topic will coincide with the release of the latest Paddington film. Pupils will create a passport for themselves and Paddington Bear and will use picture dictionaries to search for marmalade sandwich vocabulary. Pupils will also write postcards, in Spanish, from Paddington to Aunt Lucy. In addition, pupils will learn about some Spanish Christmas traditions and a Spanish Christmas song.

## Religious Education

We are going to continue our studies of RE this half term by considering why people use candles, and what they mean to people. We will explore beliefs about what candles mean to other people and reflecting on the similarities and differences between festivals, including Diwali, Advent and Hannukah.

## Science

We will be identifying a variety of materials and sorting them according to criteria. We will discuss the difference between natural

materials and man-made materials. We will go on to look at properties of materials and explore materials that can change shape. We will identify different materials that can be used to make the same products and think why this is.

## Computing

Children will be using Purple Mash to create their own art based upon different artists and styles. These will include: William Morris, Impressionist artists, Pointillism, Piet Mondrian and some surrealist art.

## Physical Education

Year 2 will be exploring the theme of 'The Jungle' in Dance. They will perform basic movements in time to the music, with control and on a variety of levels. By the end of the unit, the children will have developed their creativity and explored how animals in the jungle move. They will perform a jungle dance.

## Music

This term is all about Christmas and its meaning. They will sing songs to explain the story as well as develop an understanding of how instruments can be used to create seasonal accompaniments. They will perform as a class in their Christmas Nativity performance. This will include ostinato and other rhythmical demonstration.

## Humanities

We will be starting our learning in History with our Remembrance topic. We will be focusing on our local hero, Noel Chavasse, as well as considering the roles of women played on the Homefront during wartime. We will be finding out about animals during wartime, including Sergeant Stubby the dog. We will be learning about the Christmas Truce and using this to write letters home from the trenches. Chapter 2 will be doing their next Geography unit in the new year.

## DT

We begin our sewing journey in Year 2 and are introduced to joining two pieces of textiles together. We will use plastic needles and thread to learn how to sew and to create our very own puppets.

