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

Pupils will continue their work within addition and subtraction utilising the make-ten strategy to partition a value before adding/subtracting 2 digit values. Additionally, chapter 2 pupils will complete our third unit of the year which focuses on 2D and 3D shapes. The children will explore sides, vertices, faces and edges, and they will learn how to classify shapes based upon their features.

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 choosing appropriate tools in a program to create art, and making comparisons with working nondigitally.

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

Tinsel and Christmas Magic:

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 through movement and visual display.

Humanities

In Chapter 2, the children will learn about The Later Stuart Period of the 17th century. Pupils will explore the significant events of the time; including The Great Plague and The Great Fire of London. The children will read extracts from the diary of Samuel Pepys, and they will discover the impact of the plague and the fire on London and its infrastructure.

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.

LC+

This half term, children will be exploring the forest in Forest School during out LC+ sessions. They will be learning key skills in the forest and will be using team work to carry out tasks such as den building and forest crafts.