Class 2

Key Area of Learning

GEOGRAPHY

LET'S GO TO CHINA

We will be jetting off across the globe to find out about life in China. We will look at both human and physical geography and think about similarities and differences between China and the UK. We will delve into a new culture and explore areas such as food, farming, schools and landmarks. From dragons to dim sum, and Beijing to bao buns, our journey will take us on exciting new adventures.

Key vocabulary: Agriculture Climate Culture Landmark Livestock Population Weather Tradition

ENGLISH

This half term we will be focusing our attention on writing instructions, using the book *'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'* as our inspiration. We will continue to practise our handwriting and spellings, as well as to learn more about verbs. Year 2 will also be putting what they have learned about using apostrophes for contractions into practice. It also goes without saying that we will continue to develop our love for reading by reading as often as we can!

MATHEMATICS

We will be starting the term investigating the topic of Money. Children will gain an understanding of pence and pounds, adding and subtracting amounts and giving change. Any practice that you could do at home would be very beneficial. We will then move on to exploring Fractions – identifying quarters and halves of objects and shapes and calculating quarters and halves of numbers. Year 2 will also be looking at thirds and three quarters of both shapes and numbers.

SCIENCE

This half term, Year 1 will be enjoying the outdoors as they start their weekly Forest School lessons. Year 2 will be exploring the world of plants. We will carry out investigations to discover what plants need for health and survival and we will be looking at the life cycle of different plants. Hopefully the weather will be kind so we can observe, explore and investigate plants within the local environment.

ART

Our artwork this half term will be inspired by flora and fauna. Children will be introduced to artists who use drawing as a way to accurately capture the way plants and insects look, and artists who use their imagination to create their own versions of flora and fauna. We will explore the use of pen, graphite, oil pastel, paper and collage and create our own minibeast collages.

COMPUTING

'Creating Media – Digital Photography' is the theme for the summer term. We will explore the following:

- Taking photographs
- Landscape or portrait?
- What makes a good photograph?
- Lighting
- Effects
- Is it real?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE focuses on the question "How should we care for others and for the world and why does it matter?" We will explore the ideas of friendship, charity and caring for others from both Christian and Jewish perspectives. We will also consider the idea of each of us being special and unique and why this is important.

PSHE

'Being Responsible' is the theme for PSHE this half term. We will be thinking about how we can help others and how to look after possessions (this will include the difference between borrowing and stealing). We will also be thinking about accident prevention and the phrase 'practice makes perfect'.

MUSIC

We will be going on a space adventure, creating soundscapes and using dynamics to create atmosphere. We will compare music and choose suitable instruments to create our own motifs.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In PE this half-term, we will be focusing on developing our running, throwing and jumping skills through athletics activities. PE lessons will take place each Friday afternoon with Mr Holding and Mrs Barron.

VISION & VALUES

Our focus value for this half-term will be wisdom. We will be looking at how the words of Jesus and the stories of the Bible can support us to let our light shine by making fair and kind decisions.