# Our Local Area

## Class Two

Key Area of Learning
**GEOGRAPHY**

OUR LOCAL AREA In this topic the children will explore the local area around school and the wider Exe Valley area. We will look at both physical and human geographical features, including homes and houses. We will also think about the types of jobs that people do in the area. Our investigations will include practical fieldwork, using maps and the internet, and looking at photographs.

Key vocabulary: compass, direction, fieldwork, map, symbol, village, town, city, county, country, continent, landmark

## ENGLISH

In English the children will be developing their understanding of sentence structure and punctuation, thinking particularly about capital letters and full stops. We will be practising our handwriting, ensuring that letters are the correct size and formation. Our English text is 'The Three Little Pigs' by Mara Alperin and Ag Jatkowska. We will be retelling a traditional fairy tale and Year 2s will also be writing their own version with some twists to the original.

## MATHEMATICS

In Maths the children will be furthering their understanding of place value by counting and comparing numbers. We will be thinking about *fewer*, *more* and the *same* and practising our number bonds to 20. We will also be adding and subtracting within 20 and doubling numbers.

## SCIENCE

Year 1s will be investigating the topic 'Animals including humans' - naming, describing and comparing different animals. Year 2s will be exploring and comparing living things and their habitats, both locally and globally, including rainforests, deserts and the Arctic. They will also explore simple food chains.

## ART AND DESIGN

In Art and Design we will be exploring watercolour. We will develop different techniques and discover if we can use accidental marks to help us create art. We will be using the artists Paul Klee and Emma Burleigh as inspiration for our artwork.

## COMPUTING

In Computing we will be focusing on staying safe on the internet. We will be thinking about making friends online, online bullying and sharing images. We will learn how to use the internet in a safe, confident and happy way.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In RE the children be learning about Judaism and the ways in which Jewish families recognize and celebrate their faith.

## PSHE

In PSHE children will be learning about keeping and staying safe in the wider world. We will think about potential dangers within the home and community and talk about how to avoid risk.

## MUSIC

In Music we will be focusing on developing an understanding of structure by exploring beats and rhythms. We will use the theme 'Myths and Legends' as a basis for the musical pieces that we will listen to and create.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In PE we will be using a multi-skills approach to focus on developing our skills in Team Games and in Movement during this first half-term.

## SMSC & VALUES

Our focus School Christian Value for this half-term is Dignity. We will be thinking about how special and unique we are all and how we can celebrate, value and take care of one another.