

Academic (Wisdom, Knowledge and Skills)

- As speakers, readers and writers we will compose instructional writing focusing on imperative verbs and layout. The following unit is stories with a familiar setting where we will consider our use of adjectives, expanded noun phrases (Year2), sequencing and planning our own stories. To finish the term we will explore poetry where we will use alliteration, rhyme and explore the use of synonyms for better word choices.
- As religious and world view explorers, Reception children will learn about the Christian Christmas story and why they perform a Nativity. They will consider who is the most important character in The Nativity? Whether Christmas cards are always linked to the Christmas story, consider the events of the Christmas story and order them on a timeline, find out why Jesus is called 'the light of the world'? and that about what gift would you give Jesus and why? In Key Stage One we will build on our EYFS knowledge by thinking about why does Christmas matter to Christians? We will explore and describe the setting of the Christmas story, the characters, discover what an advent wreath is and what it means and consider what we are thankful for and what the characters in the story were thankful for. Throughout both units we will focus on the word incarnation and its meaning.
- As mathematicians in Reception we will learn about measures and patterns and we will continue our maths mastery work on composition of numbers. In KS1 we will learn about the place value of larger numbers by counting, grouping, partitioning, ordering and comparing and will finish with a unit on shape thinking about the different 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.
- As geographers we will explore continents and oceans/countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom. This will include looking at what and where the 7 continents and 5 oceans are and the countries that make up the United Kingdom, the capital cities and the seas that surround the UK.
- As physically active learners we will develop our dance skills whilst linking this to our Science work on seasons. During the unit, they will work individually, in pairs and in groups and will develop their understanding of dance terminology such as mirroring, improvisation, canon and unison.
- As creators in DT will be sewing. We will work on the skills to create a running stitch on material to support making and decorating a pouch for Christmas.

Innovation

This half term we will have opportunities to

- Link learning to UN goals 11 - Sustainable Cities and Communities, 16 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and 17 - Partnerships for the Goals. Raising awareness of these UN sustainable goals.
- We will develop our computing skills to create digital music and evaluate and edit our final pieces; we will think about rhythm, patterns, notes and tempo as we navigate our unit and consider how music makes us feel.
- Continue to develop our communication across other schools using interactive whiteboards, class chrome books and ipads including enrichment classes with peers from the other school.

Kingfishers

Reception, Year 1 and 2
Autumn Term 2 2024

'Growing and Changing'

This term our central idea is 'How do natural and physical processes affect people and the way they live?'



Character (Hope, Aspiration and Courageous Advocacy)

This term our focus virtues are **Friendliness, Cooperation and Compassion** We will...

- Explore these virtues in our whole school and class based worship.
- Join with our local worship team each week to explore these through the Bible.
- Look out for 'virtues in action' in many ways as well as develop our own character journeys and celebrate our own and others' efforts with team points and leaves.
- Take part in 'inspiring skill builder' and 'inspiring speaker' enrichments as part of our changemaker challenges through art and DT opportunities and performances in the lead up to Christmas.

Community (and living well together, dignity and respect)

During this half term we will:

- Take part in Remembrance, Christingle and Christmas performances
- Be Inspiring Fundraisers for events for the PTFA and Edukid to sponsor our Child Angel.