YEAR 2 CURRICULUM NEWS
AUTUMN TERM 2
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English – As readers and writers, we will be reading 'We Are Water Protectors' by Carole Lindstrom, illustrated by Michaela Goade, in which children explore the true story of the narrative, and produce descriptive non-fiction writing in different forms, such as writing the life-cycle of water, identifying environmental issues, researching Native American tribes and creating a campaign to look after a local stretch of water.

Maths – As mathematicians, we will be continuing with our addition and subtraction unit, adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers. We will be comparing number sentences and look at missing number problems. We will then move on to a shape unit when we will look at 2-D and 3-D shapes and their properties and patterns.

Science – As scientists, we will be looking at the uses of everyday materials. We will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses and find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

RE – As contemplators, we will be answering the big question - What does the Torah mean for Jewish people?

History/Geography – As geographers, we will be looking at the geography unit 'Why is our world wonderful?' We will be identifying geographical characteristics of the UK and locating some of the world's most amazing places. We will be learning the names of the five oceans and locating them on a map before understanding how to draw human and physical features on a sketch map. We will then be investigating local habitats and recording findings using bar charts.

Art and Design/Design Technology – As designers, this term we will be completing an Art and Design Unit called 'Drawing: Tell a Story.' We will begin by developing a range of mark making techniques using charcoal and developing textures. We will then develop our observational drawings and understand how to apply expressions to illustrate a character. Finally, we will be developing illustrations to tell a story.

PE – As sports stars, we will be taking part in a dance and gymnastics units.

PSHE – As thinkers, we will be continuing our families and relationships unit this term; understanding families and exploring how families can be different. We will be focusing on other people's feeling and unhappy friendships. There will be an introduction to manners and courtesy and change and loss. We will also be observing Anti-bullying week starting the 13th November.

Computing – As computer scientists, we will be improving out digital art and design skills and look at what copyright and ownership is.

Music – As musicians, we will be inventing simple patterns, using our voices, body percussion & instruments. We will follow signals given by a conductor; compose and improvise solos using instruments. We will practice singing with good diction, identify timbre (qualities of sound) and explore how they are made.