



Curriculum Newsletter

Primary 2

Term 2

2024-2025



The World Around Us

(Science, Geography and History)

Connected Learning is of the utmost importance within Foundation Stage. Themes are changed every half term and linked with all areas of the National Curriculum. Currently we are studying '**Winter/Night**'. We are identifying a range of nocturnal and diurnal birds and their behaviours. P2 are researching sources of natural and man-made light, how light makes shadows and how light sources have changed through history. We are learning about the importance of light and how we keep safe on the road at night.

After midterm we will focus on '**Castles**', both real and fictional (Fairy Tales). We will label the parts of the castle, explore the rooms and identify the roles of the people who lived in the castles of the past. We will develop 'story boards' using castle vocabulary and characters, as a foundation for creating animations, enhancing our ICT skills and knowledge.



This term in:

Maths Mastery: In our Maths Mastery this term, the Year 2 children will focus on:

- Time
- Exploring calculation strategies within 20
- Numbers to 50
- Addition and subtraction within 20

Literacy: Report writing is a key area. Pupils will identify the features of reports and their layout. Children will also explore instructional writing and diary writing. Pupils will explore fairy tales to identify the beginning, middle and ending of a story using this structure within their writing. Comprehension activities linked with guided reading will form part of the weekly homework.

ICT: Pupils will explore digital storytelling, using model castles and model characters. Through paired activities they will produce a short animation on the iMovie app.

What else is happening this term?

PE: This term in PE we will be looking at the curriculum area of Dance, both creative and folk. The pupils will be exploring and experimenting with a range of movements while creating and performing their dances to music.

Take 5: In school we use the acronym CLANG to help us remember the 5 steps of our Take 5 initiative: CONNECT, keep LEARNING, be ACTIVE, take NOTICE, GIVE. We have been linking these words to our curriculum, events and activities, for example on Catholic Schools' Week (19th-25th January) we will be discussing ways we can GIVE of ourselves to others in our family and communities. Additionally, on Safer Internet Day (4th February) we will TAKE NOTICE of online dangers and we will KEEP LEARNING about safe ways to CONNECT with others online.