

# Year 2

## St John the Baptist C of E Primary School



*'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'*

### Spring 1 - Learning Overview

#### Learning Journey 1:

##### The Hook

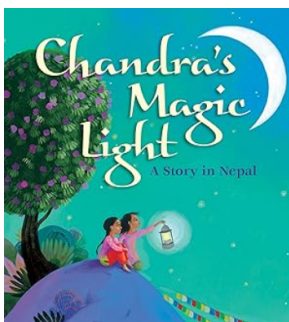


To begin our learning journey we wished for snow and it arrived! This poem emphasises the silence, mystery and magical quality of nature. Showing how snow can change the ordinary into something beautiful and dreamlike. It also reflects a child's sense of wonder and innocence, highlighting how nature works while people rest. The children will be creating their own poem which they would like to perform to you.

**Outcome: Poetry**

#### Learning Journey 2 :

##### The Hook



A beautiful story to inspire the children's own story writing. Set in a quiet rural village in Nepal, where we learn that Nepal is a peaceful, close-knit place where people live simply and feel a strong connection to nature, especially the mountains and the moon. The text also links to our Geography this half term.

**Outcome: Narrative**

## What we will be teaching:

### English:

A recap of phase 5 phonics to support spellings and an introduction to new spelling rules, including adding suffixes e.g. ful, er est.

Using subordinating conjunctions, contractions, commas in a list and an apostrophe in contractions. Thinking about how adverbs can be used to describe verbs.

### Maths:

Children will be learning addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as exploring measurement (including time and mass), fractions and geometry.

### Geography:

What a wonderful world. The snow has allowed the children to experience the cold and we will develop this further to think about cold climates in comparison to hot climates, with a focus on Nepal.

### Science:

In science, the children will be continuing their learning about materials but linked to our geography, by encouraging creative thinking for their uses in hot and cold climates.

### ART/DT:

Ducks will be exploring textures and repeated patterns whilst creating their own stamps and printing blocks, they will be inspired by artists who use printmaking techniques.

### RE:

The children will be learning about the Hindu religion, with a focus on the Hindu festival Holi.

### Computing:

Programming, robot algorithms. This unit develops the children's understanding of instructions in sequences and the use of logical reasoning to predict outcomes.

### PE:

Indoor PE is gymnastics where the children will build on their balance skills and sequencing.

In outdoor PE the children will develop their attacking, defending, and shooting skills through a range of fun and active games.

### Music:

Sound and symbol. Play three notes on a tuned instrument, understanding which is the lowest, middle and highest pitch. 2. Recognise the sound of different families of instruments and how each makes its sounds.

### PDL:

In PDL, children will learn about safe and unsafe secrets, appropriate touch and medicine safety to help them understand how to keep themselves safe.

## Messages to parents:

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you enjoyed the festive season and thank you kindly for the Christmas wishes and gifts.

The children would like to welcome you into school to perform their poems, the date is to be confirmed for later this month after school.

Please keep reading with your child at home at least 4 times a week as this really supports their learning.

We will be continuing to have our **P.E days as Monday and Thursday** and our library day will still be a Monday.

As always, please contact us if you need any support with your child, as working in partnership is so important to us.

The Year 2 Team