

In **Maths** this half term, we will focus on addition and subtraction, including using jottings and informal methods to solve problems with two digit numbers. We will then use our skills in different contexts including money. We will also begin our work on multiplication and division which relies on the children's ability to count in steps of two, five and ten.



## This term, Year 2 will explore the big question, 'How do we keep going when the going is tough?'

Our **RE** will look at the Christian concept of Jesus as God incarnate (God in flesh form) and will explore what this means to Christians and how it impacts their lives.

In **Music**, we will look at myths and legends to help us understand rhythm, structure and composition. In **Art**, we will use paper and paste to create nativity figures and will also make some Fire of London inspired paintings.

**PE** will take place on a Monday (outdoor) and Wednesday (indoor). We will continue to master different movements and develop our agility and co-ordination skills.

In **English**, we will use books by two prize winning authors: 'A crow's tail' by Naomi Howarth and Michael Morpurgo's book 'Coming Home' to write our own 'surprising journeys' stories where the central character will face surprising challenges and have to keep going despite the going being extremely tough.

Later in the half term, we will learn about non-chronological reports and diary entries. We will investigate the features of these genres in our sentence stacking lessons. We will then apply our knowledge to create our own diaries and non-chronological reports using the facts we have learnt about the Great Fire of London.

In **Science**, we will continue to explore different materials and think about how their properties make them suitable for different purposes. We will conduct simple experiments and begin to think about how we can make our tests fair. We will consider how materials can be used responsibly, by reducing, reusing and recycling. We will also make links with our history topic, thinking about the materials used to construct houses in 1666 and how and why they changed.

In **History**, this half term, we will consider the lessons learnt from the past and the change that occurred following the Great Fire of London. We will look at the decisions that were made through the course of the fire and how people had to flee their homes and go on a 'surprising journey'. We will consider how they worked together in these tough times to get through it. We will discuss the lessons learnt from the fire and how things changed. We will also make comparisons with the difficulties they faced and the challenges we encounter today.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at: [year2@stmarksce.org.uk](mailto:year2@stmarksce.org.uk)