



## Key Knowledge and Skills

### Year 2 Spring 1

This half term in year 2, our writing will be inspired by our theatre visit to see 'The Little Mermaid' by Hans Christian Andersen. We will try hard to use a range of adjectives and conjunctions to extend our sentences.



Key knowledge and skills	Key vocabulary
<p><b>Geography</b> We will be learning about the continents. A continent is a large solid area of land usually made up of different countries. The seven continents are: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, and Australia. The oceans of the world are Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean and Southern Ocean.</p>	<p>Continent Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, and Australia. Ocean Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean and Southern Ocean.</p>
<p><b>Science</b> Our learning this half term will be about every day materials. All objects are made of one or more materials that are chosen specifically because they have suitable properties for the task. When choosing what to make an object from, the properties needed are compared with the properties of the possible materials, identified through simple tests and classifying activities. A material can be suitable for different purposes and an object can be made of different materials. Objects made of some materials can be changed in shape by bending, stretching, squashing and twisting.</p>	<p>Opaque Transparent and translucent, reflective and non-reflective Flexible Rigid Shape Push/pushing, pull/pulling Twist/twisting Squash/squashing Bend/bending Stretch/stretching</p>
<p><b>Art</b> We will be exploring the work of Hokusai and working in his style. Katsushika Hokusai was known simply as Hokusai. Hokusai was a painter and printmaker. He is best known for his woodblock print series called Thirty-six views of Mount Fuji which includes The Great Wave off Kanagawa. I can use a viewfinder to look closely at a part of a piece of artwork. I can create an image on a printing tile using pencils and other different tools. I can add colours to the tile and print onto different papers. I can use my sketchbook to record my ideas, observations and investigations.</p>	<p>Hokusai Painter Printmaker Great Wave Viewfinder Printing tile Roller Ink Sketchbook</p>
<p><b>Computing</b> Computing is a unit on questioning this half term. Data can be used to help answer a question. We will ask an appropriate question, gather data using a tally chart and present it using digital tools.</p>	<p>Data Tally Question Branching database</p>



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Yes or no questions can be used to sort data. We will learn about how branching databases work and practise navigating them to find answers.	
R.E.  Our enquiry question is 'How do leaders help believers live their life?' Christians describe Jesus as the Son of God and that he is God in human form. Christians and Jews believe Abraham was the beginning of the promises (covenant) God made with them. He is also an example of faith.	Covenant Jesus Faith
P.S.H.C.E.  We will be thinking about the differences between needs and wants. A need is something you must have to survive; like food, water and a home. A want is something that's nice to have, but you can actually live without.	Needs Wants Strengths

#### Other information:

- P.E. kits should be kept in school every day. Please make sure all uniform - including P.E. kits - is clearly named. Children should have blue/black shorts and a white t-shirt AND blue/black joggers or leggings too.
- Every week, children will bring home a reading book which matches their reading level and a 'reading for pleasure' book, chosen by the child. Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times each week to support their hard work in school.
- A short homework task to reinforce learning in school will be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.
- We are going to visit the New Vic Theatre on 13<sup>th</sup> January to see a production of 'The Little Mermaid'.

Many thanks

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