



## St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

### Reception Knowledge Organiser

#### 'Spring One'

*"Loving God In All We Do."*



### Our topics this half term

This half term we will be working on the following Topics:

- Brunel Bear
- The Arctic
- Chinese New Year

We will be learning how families gather and celebrate at mass through both our 'Celebrating' and 'Gathering' RE topics. We will also learn about similarities and differences between countries and talk about different celebrations around the world.

### By the end of the topic we will...

#### Communication and Language

- Engage in non-fiction books.
- Use and learn new vocabulary throughout the day related to our topics.

#### Understanding the World

- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- Know some similarities and differences between different religious and cultural communities in this country, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.
- Recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.
- Explain some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries, drawing on knowledge from stories, non-fiction texts and (when appropriate) maps.
- Recognise some environments that are different to the one in which they live.
- Know some similarities and differences between the natural world around them and contrasting environments, drawing on their experiences and what has been read in class.

#### Phonics & Reading

The children continue to work on the skills of blending sounds to read words before moving onto books. When on a reading book please remember that reading books will be changed on Mondays so please write a note in the home school book to let us know that the books are ready to be changed.

#### Literacy

This half term we will have a non-fiction focus. We will be reading non-fiction texts. We will be finding out, and writing facts about different countries through non-fiction texts and the computer. Through our Chinese New Year topic we will learn about the story of the Zodiac.

#### Maths

The children will continue to work on rote counting and number recognition to 20. We will also begin to write numerals for a purpose and learn how to form the numerals correctly. During this half term we will focus on addition and subtraction using concrete objects. The children will begin to use the language associated with these. We will also look at the composition of numbers to 5 and then 10. In numerical patterns we will focus on positional language and measure.

#### Homework

We are so proud to see so many children accessing the homework activities. This is so important to help your child to consolidate the learning in school. Don't forget to look weekly at the Class Charts and Education City homework's. These are posted on Fridays to be completed for the following Friday.

#### Red Day

On Thursday 10th February we will hold our Red Day for Chinese New Year. The children will come into school in own clothes with a red theme, ready for lots of fun activities!





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### **Wider curriculum learning**

This half term during our Arctic topic we will be becoming scientists and will explore ice and the best ways to melt it. We will be working on lots of art and craft activities as we journey through different countries in our Brunel Bear topic. We will also explore and listen to music as well as watch and talk about dance and performance art, around the world in our Brunel and Chinese New Year topics.

### **We are going to read:**

- Handa's Surprise
- Non-Fiction texts about different countries
- The story of the Zodiac (Chinese New Year)
- Polar Bear, Polar Bear ,What do you Hear?
- Poles Apart

### **Let's try this at home**

Talk about countries you have visited and special landmarks around the world.

You could visit China Town for the Chinese New Year Celebrations or perhaps share a Chinese meal together.

### **Key dates for this half-term**

**Term Starts** - Tuesday 4th January 2022

**Red Day** - Wednesday 10th February

**Inset Day** - Friday 11th February 2022

**Half-Term** - Friday 11th Feb –Monday 21st Feb

Please subscribe to our Reception calendar via our school website to keep up-to-date with all Reception events.