

# St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

## Year 2 Autumn Term 2 Topic Overview

### Why should Chorley remember on Poppy Day?

#### Maths:

Following the White Rose Maths SOW pupils will work on Addition and Subtraction, Money and Multiplication and Division. We will also be continuing with our work on Big and revising all number and place value work we covered in the 1<sup>st</sup> Autumn term.



#### English:

We will be looking at 3 different text types in our English work this half term -

- Letters on the theme of WWI (for Remembrance Day) and Christmas (for our work on Advent)
- Stories on a theme: Mog Christmas stories - Judith Kerr
- Recount Classic poems - 'Twas the night before Christmas

Our key author will be Hilary Robinson, focusing on her stories: 'Flo of the Somme', 'Where the Poppies Now Grow' and 'The Christmas Truce'

We will also be reading a wide range of stories with our Advent Book Calendar.



#### PSHE: Taught by Mrs Garrett

Pupils will explore the question: What helps us to stay safe? This unit of work will be based around Health and Wellbeing where children will explore how to stay safe, hazards, safe eating and drinking, being safe on the playground and when playing with others.



#### Come and See:

Pupils will explore the topics of:

- Signs and Symbols
- Judaism
- Preparation



#### PE:

Children will study *Gymnastics* this half term focusing on balances, rolls and jumps. The children will use these skills to create sequences on both the floor and on apparatus.



#### Art and Design: Taught by Mrs Garrett

Pupils will be looking at local Chorley artist, Rod Walmsley, who specialises in landscapes. They will be making observational drawings of local areas and will be developing their painting skills with the use of watercolours.



#### Music:

Pupils' learning will be focused on a range of songs and music to the theme of Christmas.



#### Computing:

Pupils will explore a unit of work on Questioning. They will be exploring how to research using digital information and specific websites to answer questions they have created.

#### History:

In this unit pupils will be carrying out a local study, looking at the history of the Remembrance Day services and the symbol of the poppy. They will be looking at key details of WWI, understanding what happens on Remembrance day and looking at memorable people both locally, Susannah Knight and nationally, Walter Tull. Pupils will also be looking at the war memorials in Chorley and surroundings areas and focusing on the question: Why should Chorley remember?



#### Geography:

In this unit, we will be looking at a small area of the UK, namely Chorley. We will be using different maps including Ordnance Survey maps to enhance our skills in reading and drawing maps. We will be looking at the similarities and differences between urban and rural areas and will be looking at how our local area has and is changing.

