

# St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

## Year 2 Spring Term 2 Topic Overview

### Could you grow a forest?



#### Maths:

Following the White Rose Maths SOW pupils will be continuing their understanding of Multiplication and division and will begin work on the topic of measurement looking at length, height, mass, capacity and temperature. We will also be focusing on our mental maths skills with regular reviews of all our skills from the Autumn Term.



#### Art:

Our focus this half term is John Dyer's 'Last Chance to Paint' project, hoping to link children to the environment through artistic skills. Pupils will use the focus on Borneo's orang-utans and will use a range of media for drawing, painting and collage.

#### English:

Our main text this half term will be linked to our Geography and Science topics - The Tin Forest by H. Ward. We will be looking at the lovely rhythmic language and focus on the meanings behind the words. We will also be using this text, along with non-fiction texts to focus on writing explanation texts for growing plants and flowers. We will also be looking at the poet Brian Moses and focusing on his poem 'Dreamer'.



Spring Term brings the Lancashire Brilliant Book Awards which we are lucky to take part in. We will be looking at a range of text features and writing tasks linked to the 4 books in the competition alongside voting for our 'best book' and giving our reasons for this. We will be entering our votes by the end of March.

#### PSHE:

Pupils will explore the question 'What is bullying?' in the continuation of their topic of relationships and friendship. They will be exploring what we mean by bullying, reasons for bullying and how to deal with it.



#### Come and See:

Pupils will explore the topic of: Thanksgiving and Opportunities in this important time in the Church Calendar - Easter.



#### PE:

Children will be focusing on Athletics this half term. Our main elements will be running, jumping and throwing, thinking about how we change our skills dependent on the activities we are carrying out. We will also be carrying out the Chorley Sports Partnership PE Assessment.



#### Computing:

Pupils will explore a unit of work on Effective Questioning, learning how to refine searches in order to locate and use relevant information. They will be linking this with our Geography and Science topics.

#### Geography:

In our Geography unit we will be looking at Indonesia, Borneo. We will be using our mapping skills to look at the different areas of the country and its surrounding seas. We will be looking at the way of life within Indonesia alongside the rainforest and animals native to this part of the world. We will be focusing on the problems with the 'disappearing' rainforests and how this can affect us, thinking about how this can be helped for the future.



#### Science

Our topic this half term is 'Plants'. We will be revising the different parts of flowering and non-flowering plants, identifying and naming a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees and looking at what plants need to grow well. We will be using practical skills to dissect plants to look at their different parts, will be growing plants in different locations to assess the effect this has on them. The children will also be tasked with growing their own mini garden.