



# St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

## Year 2 Autumn 2

### English

This term in English, the children will study adventure stories through *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, focusing on characters, settings, and events. They will also write a non-fiction postcard based on Meerkat Christmas, with ongoing handwriting, phonics, and reading sessions.

### Maths

This term in Maths, the children will build confidence with adding and subtracting two-digit numbers, using different strategies to solve problems. They will then be introduced to multiplication and division through practical activities, arrays, and grouping to deepen their understanding of number patterns and relationships.

### Science

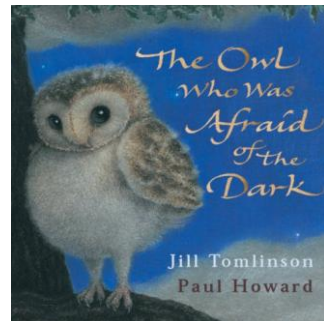
This term in Science, we will be learning about Light and Electricity. The children will explore what electricity is, identify everyday electrical appliances, and learn how to stay safe around it. They will investigate simple circuits using bulbs and buzzers, test materials to see which are conductors or insulators, and find out how electricity is used safely in our homes.

### RE

This term in RE, the children will learn about Judaism, focusing on Shabbat as a special day of rest and celebration. They will explore its traditions and what they show about faith. Later, they will learn about Advent as a time of waiting for Jesus' birth, hearing stories like the Annunciation and Visitation, and reflecting on how we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

### History

This term in History, our topic is Explorers. The children will learn how we discover the past and why people explore. They will study key explorers such as Christopher Columbus, Bessie Coleman, and Gertrude Bell, comparing their journeys and impact. The unit will end with a quiz on how exploration has changed over time.



### Computing

This term in Computing, the children will learn about what computers are and how they work. They will also explore online safety, focusing on using technology responsibly and protecting personal information.

### Design Technology

This term in Design and Technology, the children will design and make their own Ferris wheels while exploring levers and mechanisms. They will research how Ferris wheels work, plan and build their designs using suitable materials, decorate their models, and finally evaluate and suggest improvements.

### PSHE

This half term, the children will learn that we are created and loved by God, exploring self-worth and valuing others as the basis for healthy relationships. They will also learn about well-being, resilience, online safety, and the significance of special calendar events.

### PE

In PE this term, we will begin the autumn term by focusing on problem solving skills, working with the NUFC Foundation. They will lead exciting innovation games to help develop teamwork, spatial awareness, and an understanding of attacking and defending strategies. Furthermore, in the term, the children will also take part in hockey, where they will learn to control and pass the ball, build their dribbling skills, and apply tactics in small-sided games.