



Archbishop Wake
CE Primary School

Aim high, believe; Fly high, achieve.

Year 2 Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term 2025

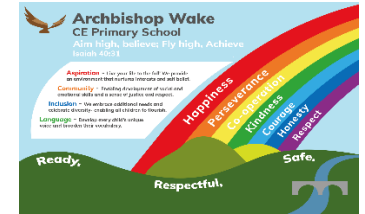
Why don't penguins need to fly?

Was Captain Scott a Hero?

Aspiration-Community-Inclusion - Language

Our values for this term are:

Happiness Perseverance
Co-operation



Topic -Geography, History, Art, DT:

In Geography, the children will be exploring the question, 'Why don't penguins fly?' The children will learn about the 7 continents of the world and compare Antarctica and the Arctic.

In History, we will be learning about Captain Robert Falcon Scott's race to the South Pole. We will be comparing this to the Ice Maiden's 2018 more successful journey.

In Art, the children will become inspired by nature and learn how artists use simple representations to create repeating patterns. They will explore creating a monoprint from their drawings.

In DT, the children will be designing, creating and improving their own soft toy using cutting and sewing techniques.

RE:

Autumn 1: What is creation?
Christianity and Judaism.

Autumn 2: Who are the creator's intermediaries?
Exploring the Christmas story.

Our Class readers are:

'The Diary of a Killer Cat' and
'George's Marvellous Medicine'.

Reading:

This term the children will read a range of non-fiction texts and poems linked to the Antarctic. We will learn about how to answer a range of VIPERS questions to develop the children's understanding and retrieval skills and strengthen their ability to make inferences and plausible predictions.

Writing:

This term the children will be writing a range of narratives and consider how to improve their writing by making simple corrections and additions. The children will continue to learn to construct a range of sentences, ensuring accurate use of a range of punctuation. They will also continue to develop their cursive handwriting script. Spelling rules will be taught through ongoing phonics lessons.

Year Group Information:

PE days - Mondays and Wednesdays

Home learning will be set on a Thursday and be returned on a Wednesday.

Spelling tests will take place every Thursday

Maths:

Place value

This term we will begin by developing the children's understanding of the place value of 2-digit numbers.

Addition and subtraction

The children will use the mathematical vocabulary of 'tens' and 'ones' to compare numbers. In addition to this, they will look at developing written methods for adding and subtracting. The children will learn to count in their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and have an introduction to counting in 3's.

Shape

They will also look at 2D and 3D shapes- learning their properties and making patterns.

Ways to help at Home:

Read with and listen to your child read daily.

Please support your child with homework tasks and to learn their spellings each week.

Science:

- We will learn about 'Materials and their Properties'. The children will identify and compare the suitability of various everyday materials. Later, we will investigate what animals need to survive and thrive, examining the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)

PSHE:

- Me and My Relationships.
- Valuing Differences

Music:

This term the children will complete the Charanga music unit: 'Pulse, rhythm and pitch', 'Playing in an Orchestra' and also learn traditional Christmas songs.

PE:

- Ball Skills
- Orienteering
- Gymnastics

Computing:

- What is Information Technology (IT)?
- Create and edit photos