

# British Isles

**Year 2 - Summer 2**

**Topic Overview**



### **Mathematics**

This half term the children will be focusing on going back over key areas that they have already learnt. For example, multiplication and division, addition and subtraction using inverse and money. They will also be working on using times tables facts, place value, number bonds, doubles and near doubles to mentally solve addition and subtraction questions.

### **Homework**

Please can you help your child learn the 2's, 5's and 10 times tables in and out of order and at speed. When they are confident with these learn the 3 times tables.

If you could also support your child with recalling number bonds to 20 at speed, 0 -20, 1-19, 2-18 and so on. This will greatly support them in the transition to year 3.

### **Literacy**

This half term will be focusing on poetry. We will begin by reading poems the children may know already e.g. nursery rhymes.

We will then use their knowledge of adjectives to read and write poems containing similes.

### **Homework**

Please help your child to research some poems. Can they find a poem on animals? Can they learn it off by heart and perform it to the class?

Please continue to read with your child. Ask them questions about the text they have read. Have they read a story like this one before? Can they infer why an event happened?

### **Art and DT**

We are going to be exploring a wide variety of media and skills during this half term. We will begin by looking at some famous embroideries and artists.

The children will then be learning skills such as sewing, collage and tie dying. They will then be creating their own family crest using some of the different skills they have practised.

### **History**

In History we will be learning about Queen Elizabeth II, the time periods she has reigned and changes that have occurred during that time. We will then compare Queen Elizabeth I and II, looking closely into the differences they have made to our lives today.

### **Homework**

Please discuss with your child family members which will help them create a family tree. This will then help them create a family crest which will be linked to our DT project.

### **Geography**

In our geography lessons we will be looking at the different countries in the British Isles.

Traditional stories, capital cities, culture, food and music are all things we will be learning about when looking at the four countries of England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

### **Science**

We are going to be finding out about how most living things live in a habitat to which they are suited. We will be describing how habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and how they depend on each other. We will be learning to identify and name a variety of plants and animals in our local environment.