













St Michael's Federation (Onny C of E (A) Primary School)
Class 2 Curriculum Summary - Spring Term 2015

Our theme this term is "Around The World", focusing on North and South America	
<p>English</p> 	<p>The children will study a range of stories from other cultures linked to our topic. They will explore a range of autobiographies and biographies before choosing who to create their own biography about. They will also work on debates and persuasive writing, related to school or topic related issues. In addition to this the children will continue to work on phonic skills and will be sent home with weekly spellings to learn ready for a spelling test the following Friday. We would be very grateful if you could hear your child read on a regular basis and share a wide range of books, magazines, poems etc as this makes a massive impact on their learning.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>During the term we will cover number skills, calculations, fractions and a range of space, shapes and measures activities. The data handling work will be taught by linking very closely with our Science topic in order to enable the children to apply their knowledge within purposeful contexts. The children will be given lots of opportunities to solve problems and work practically, as they really enjoy working in this way and it makes maths more real to them.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In science this half term we will be exploring "Light". We will investigate sources of light, reflection, mirrors sun and shadows. Will we also be undertaking science investigations. After half term we are looking at "Materials" which will involve heating and cooling various materials.</p>
<p>ICT</p> 	<p>During this half term we are going to be working on creating a PowerPoint showing a virtual tour of the school. This will involve the children using the Ipads/digital cameras to gather many photos and adding the photos onto the PowerPoint before adding the headings, text and backgrounds. In the second half of the term the children will explore Internet safety and will create their own posters on Publisher to show their findings. The children are also going to have fun with programming Beebots; an activity linked to their Maths work on direction</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>The children will be finding where they live on a world map/globe and developing their knowledge of continents, oceans and our focus of North and South America. We will begin the unit by looking at Brazil. During the week beginning the 19th of January all of the classes at Onny and Lydbury will be selecting one country for our "Around the World" multicultural work. Each class will create and share their findings, so for our class all work across every subject will be related to Australia.</p>
<p>Design and technology</p> 	<p>The focus will be on designing and creating a wheeled vehicle. We will investigate wheels and axles and testing how far it will move down a ramp.</p>
<p>Art and Design</p> 	<p>Art and Design this term will focus upon 'Patterns and Art from Different Cultures. We will use the landscapes of South America as inspiration for detailed sketches e.g the rainforest, orchids, plants and animals.</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Our work this term will be related to our topic work on America. We will explore traditional music and, linked to our Forest School work, will create instruments from a range of natural materials.</p>
<p>RE</p>	<p>Our RE topic will be "Respect for Everyone" which will involve exploring what 'respect' means and how it can be built. The children will be encouraged to consider the question "What makes us special?" and will consider similarities and differences between people of different religions.</p>

	<p>Rev Marie will be taking assemblies for us every other week.</p>
<p>Personal Social Health Education (PSHE)</p> 	<p>The work covered in PSHE links closely to our work in RE. The children will begin by exploring friendship and the similarities and differences between themselves and other people. They will also explore the community that they belong to and what is needed to make the school a happy place to learn.</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>The swimming sessions will take place every Tuesday afternoon beginning on ---- We are very lucky this half term as the children will also be developing their Gym skills within sessions led by Mandy Black (a Gym specialist). After half term we will be working on games activities, beginning with ball skills. Please can the children have their PE kits in school all week as we may add or swap sports sessions.</p>
<p>Forest School</p> 	<p>Forest School will take place on alternate Wednesday afternoons. The dates for Forest School this half term will be January 14th 28th February 4th. Please come to school on these days in your forest clothes. Please can the children have their waterproofs, wellington boots, warm clothes including hats, gloves and scarves with a named plastic bag for muddy clothes. Having a pair of waterproof over trousers really keeps the children dry in the wet weather!</p>

We are really looking forward to working with your children and are very excited about the exciting activities planned. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to pop in and see us.

Mrs Greenaway and Mrs Pearce