Charles Kingsley's CE Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Overview Autumn Term 2026– Second Half

Key Concept: COURAGE

Class Reader linked to concept: "Where the Poppies now grow" by Hilary Robinson and "The Christmas Truce" by Hilary Robinson

Entry Hook on: Exploring Courage – Linking to Remembrance Day and thinking about how the soldiers have shown courage and what would have happened if they hadn't. Linking to their own experience and sharing their ideas of where they have shown courage and why it is good to show courage.	**Exit Outcome:** Showing Courageous Advocacy by looking at ways we can help reduce the ice caps from melting. Making a poster and educating school.	**Wider Community Links including possible family learning opportunities** Homework – talking with families about when they have shown courage.
Applied Maths Measuring temp and rainfall to compare to that in Antarctica	**Applied English** Ice Trap/ Shackleton's Journey – recount of the journey RE - Christmas Around the World by Lesley Sims Science - Dirty Bertie by David Roberts Geography - "Antarctica" by Helen Cowcher. "Life Cycles: Egg to Penguin "Antarctica" by Leila Merrell Foster Art - Who Counts the Penguins? Working in Antarctica. PSHE - "The Problem with Penguins"- Helen Stephens. Courage texts – "The Little Tree", "The "Tortoise and the Hare", "The Koala who could"	**RE** **Incarnation (Digging Deeper) Why does Christmas matter to Christians?** We are exploring what 'Incarnation' means and sharing the Christmas story, we will be looking for signs that Christmas is coming and thinking about how we should be thankful and kind at Christmas time. We will be continuing from what we learnt in Y1 and will be digging deeper within this unit.
Science – Materials We will be looking at the uses of everyday materials by identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for uses. We will find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and	**DT** **N/A**	**MFL** Vocab: Counting and Greetings

stretching. We will be trying to do this through scientific enquiry and asking questions about the world around us.		
Geography- Antarctica We will be extending our knowledge of the world by focusing on naming the 7 Continents and 5 Oceans. We will drawing our own sketch maps of the journey to Antarctica. We will develop geographical vocabulary by exploring Antarctica and comparing it to our local environment.	**Art- Printing** Children will look at Andy Warhol's art and create prints focusing online and texture. Using painting and Printing techniques to create a Christmas scene.	**PE** **Dance – Antarctica** This unit is looking at responding to stimuli and learning, developing and creating their own dance movements and bringing these together into a sequence. This will be developed, improved and performed. **Locomotion - jumping** In this unit they will be exploring, developing their jumping skills by looking at linking and developing jumping combinations and taking part in simple competitions.
Computing Information Technology- Creating pictures The children will explore different art packages and create different art styles. These skills will then be used across the curriculum. **E-safety:** Follow the digital trail	**History** N/A	**Music** The children will be working on their singing and performing skills. Our unit this half term is Christmas themed called: "Ho, Ho, Ho" is a fun Christmas song that includes rapping, improvising and dancing.
PHSCE: We will be looking at "Caring Friendships". We will be talking about the different types of behaviour and how this will make us feel. We will talk about how our bodies and feelings can get hurt. We will be thinking about listening to others and playing co-operatively.		