



**Year 2 Autumn 2 - Awesome Planet**

**Topic overview**

In Autumn 2, we will explore different parts of our Awesome Planet! We will create our own adventure tales, studying living things and their habitats, learning about the three major habitats of the world and create our own animal prints

**Big Bang Day!**

Children are welcome to come dressed as a continent of their choice, representing the bodies of water, and living things that it includes. In each classroom we will explore specific continents and their culture, food, music, lifestyle etc. We will then create a class book recording our observations and impressions.

**Educational visitors:**

N/A

**Our Learning Overview**

**Awesome Planet!**

**English**

In English, we will be using our Talk for Writing skills to adapt and create our own adventure tale, based on "Moth". We will revisit and extend on our prior learning, using our descriptive writing skills to create engaging stories. We will also learn the features of explanation writing and write our own explanations about the life cycle of a moth!

**Maths**

In maths, we will continue our learning of solving addition and subtraction related problems. We will then explore measurement using money by making comparisons, making the same amount, finding the total, finding the difference and solving two-step problems. We will then investigate multiplication and division through grouping and making arrays.

**Science**

In science, we will be building on our knowledge of "Animals and Humans", and extending on our knowledge of the basic needs of survival and habitats. We will learn how different habitats provide the basic needs of different kinds of animals, understanding the characteristics of living and non-living things and making connections to food chains.

**Computing**

In computing, we will be learning about algorithms. We will explore what algorithms are, how they are implemented as programs on digital devices, and creating our own algorithms!

**History & Geography**

In geography, we will revisit our prior learning of the United Kingdom and extend our knowledge by looking at the main rivers that flow through the capital cities. We will begin to independently use the contents pages of an atlas. We will then study the three major habitats of the world - rain forests, deserts and oceans.

**RE**

In RE, we will explore the question: 'How should we care for others and the world, and why does it matter?'. We will link our prior knowledge of Judaism and Christianity and discuss issues of good and bad arising from religious stories, texts from different religions that promote the 'Golden Rule', and use creative ways to express our own ideas about the creation story.

**Art/DT**

This term we will revisit the technique of printing exploring a range of printing methods to build on our skills of block printing. We will learn about the artist Eugène Séguy who created repeated patterns themed on nature and insects to create a repeated print, using our own printing method.

**Key Texts**



