Year 1 & 2
Autumn Term 2026

Where We Belong

Essential Questions:

- Should every place feel like home?
- How do we know about places we cannot visit?
- What makes earth special?
- Should everyone celebrate the same thing?

Where I live



Why am I learning this?

- To improve my knowledge and understanding of places in my locality.
- To develop a sense of identity.
- To develop a sense of belonging (cynefin).

My experience as a learner

I will:

- Build an ariel view of a familiar room and a take a photo.
- Explore ariel maps of the local area and use a key.
- Find places, in Wrexham, that are important to me.
- Identify features of a town and the countryside. Compare areas within Wrexham.

The World Around Me



Why am I learning this?

- To develop my curiosity about the world.
- To be aware that there is more to the world than where I live.
- To understand that people can belong to different places.

My experience as a learner

I will:

- Identify places and countries that have meaning to me and members of my class.
- Identify where I live and where this is in the wider world.

Space



Why am I learning this?

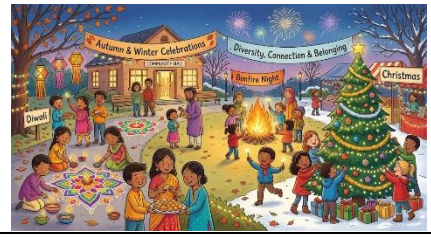
- To improve my knowledge and understanding of space.
- To develop a sense of awe and wonder.
- To expand my awareness of the wider universe.

My experience as a learner

I will:

- Study artwork by Van Gough. Using Starry night as a stimulus for my own artwork.
- Listen to Gustav Holst planets and explore creative movement and emotions.
- Discover other planets in the solar system.
- Explore the concept of gravity as a force.
- Use rockets to investigate gravity further.

Celebrations



Why am I learning this?

- To improve my knowledge and understanding of Autumn / winter celebrations.
- To develop a connection to others.
- To promote diversity and belonging.

My experience as a learner

I will:

- Talk about celebrations (religious & non-religious) that are important to me, my family and other people.
- Compare different celebrations, noticing similarities and differences.
- Use creativity to design decorations, cards or Rangoli patterns.
- Investigate India through maps, images, music and stories.
- Find out about bonfire night. Why and how is remembered?
- Take part in the Christmas concert.