

Teacher notes

Year 2:

Term 1 – New Beginnings

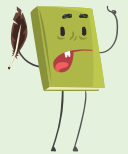
Unit overview and guidance

Introduce the theme – explore the phrase ‘new beginnings’

- Discuss what the phrase ‘new beginnings’ means. What does the word ‘begin’ mean? Explore related words (begin, beginning, begun etc).
- Can pupils give examples of new beginnings they may have experienced? Or texts that they have read that include the theme?

Exploring Non-fiction – Janus – God of New Beginnings by Jo Franklin

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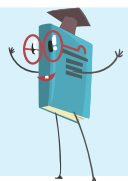
Exploring Fiction – Text: Corine’s First Day by Jo Franklin
by Ross Montgomery

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Exploring Poetry – Text: New Baby by Joshua Seigal

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Pulling it all together – explore the theme of new beginnings

Discuss the questions below, exploring the theme of ‘new beginnings’ with the pupils. The questions are also available on a PDF for the pupils to complete written responses if appropriate.

- Sum up the different new beginnings explored through the texts.
- Which text did you enjoy the most and why?

- Why are new beginnings important and celebrated by so many religions and cultures?
- What 'new beginning' have you experienced that you would like to write about? Why was it important to you?