

Literacy

In Literacy we have begun with a 'Talk for Writing' unit about the harvest story 'The enormous Turnip'. The children have learned to retell the story orally and through pictures using a story map they have drawn. Year 1's will work in groups to write simple sentences with finger gaps and full stops to retell the original story, whilst the year 2 children will be adapting their story map of the original story to create a new story about a different overgrown vegetable.

The next story we will look at is 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Our writing linked to this story will include some diary writing and letter writing. The Year 2 children will be focussing on adding descriptive language to enhance their sentences they write,

Humanities

Our key **geographical** question this term is *Why does farming matter?* The children will learn about the different types of farms. They will use maps to locate the nearest farms to us. They will learn about the features of farms and if every farm is the same.

Our key **historical** question this term is *How has farming changed over time?* We will investigate how the farms near us have changed over time. We will find out about how farming equipment has changed over time.

Music

Through our music unit of work this half term we will learn that every piece of music has a heartbeat – a musical heartbeat. The children will learn to name it the 'pulse' or the 'beat' of the music. As they listen and sing to the music and songs in this unit, they will try to find and keep the pulse or steady beat together. They will march, clap or sway in time.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we are learning about the 'Decider Skills'. The Decider Skills use Cognitive Behaviour Therapy to teach children the skills to recognise their own thoughts, feelings and behaviours. This empowers children and young people by helping them recognise their own thoughts, feelings and behaviours, allowing them to monitor and manage their own emotional and mental health.

RE

In RE this half term we will be considering the question *Who made the world?* The children will use the very beginning of the Bible to learn about the creation of the world. They will learn about how Christians show gratitude to God by caring for the world he made and being thankful for all they have. They will learn about Harvest Festivals as an opportunity to thank God, and how Harvest Festivals can be an opportunity to help those who are less fortunate than us. Please join us at St Michaels Church on 06/10/23 at 2pm for our school Harvest Festival.



Science

In our science work this half term we will learn about the changes to weather and trees as we enter the season of Autumn.

Linking with our Jack and the Beanstalk work, we will observe and describe how bean seeds grow into mature plants. Once our bean seeds have germinated, we plan to keep them warm (ish) and watered in the potting shed through winter before planting out in the raised bed in our garden in Spring. We will also plant some spring flower bulbs in the garden raised bed and learn about the differences and similarities between seeds and bulbs.

The children will be able to describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy following this half term's Science learning.

Numeracy

In Maths this half term, we are learning about place value and addition. The year 1's are looking at counting forwards and backwards, counting sets of objects and knowing how to write the numeral and number word to match the quantity counted, 1 more/less than a given number and comparing groups with fewer, more of the same amount using $<$ $=$ $>$ symbols. They will also begin some simple number-line work.

The Year 2's are looking at tens and units, and will learn how to partition all 2 digit numbers into 10's and 1's. They will compare sets of objects/numbers to 100 and will continue counting in 2's, 5's and 10's before learning to count in 3's. They will use their knowledge of the 'bonds to 10' to learn the bonds to 20 and even 100!

Design & Technology

In this half term we are completing a 'Cooking and Nutrition' unit of work about fruit and vegetables. The children will be able to: Describe fruits and vegetables and explain why they are a fruit or a vegetable, name a range of places that fruits and vegetables grow, describe basic characteristics of fruit and vegetables and prepare fruits and vegetables to make a healthy smoothie.

Computing

This half term Mr Sowerby will teach computing during Miss Jackson's PPA time each Monday morning. In computing we are learning about 'I.T. around us'. Exploring what I.T. is, looking at I.T. in school and in the wider world, the benefits of I.T. and how to use I.T. safely.

PE

This year in PE we are very fortunate to have sports coach Lucy Potter working with us every other week on Wednesday afternoons. During our non-Lucy weeks, we will have PE on Thursday afternoons. Every week we will have a Monday PE lesson. We began by learning some playground games, banana tag was a particular hit, which the children have been keen to continue playing at break times on the yard. We are moving on to look at target games to develop our object control skills for the remainder of the half term.

Outdoor Education with Emma is on Wednesday 27.09.23.

Things to remember this half term:

- Please bring fresh water in a named water bottle every day, sorry no juice!
- Please bring your bookbag to school (including your reading book) EVERYDAY. Reading in school and at home is recorded on the Boom Reader (formerly Go Read) app. Reading Raffle Tokens each Friday are awarded based on the entries logged that week. Please get in touch if you are having any difficulties with the app. You need to read at home at least 3 times per week but daily is ideal! Please bring your PE kit to school each Monday, this can be brought home on Fridays for washing if you wish.
- Please bring a coat that is suitable for the weather to school every day.
- Your child will also need a pair of named wellies to keep at school please. We will wear these for our adventures with Emma in our 'Outdoor education' time. We will also begin wearing these as 'outdoor footwear' at playtime/lunchtime to keep our smart school shoes clean and dry. We have a whole class set of waterproof puddle-suits for your child to wear, please do not send waterproofs in to school.
- Spelling Shed assignments will be set for Mrs Mephams SPELLING SHED group (mainly Y2's) each Tuesday, to allow pupils to learn their spelling list for the week. Phonics/handwriting homework for Miss Jackson's PHONICS group (mainly Y1's) will be sent out in a blue file in your child's bookbag each Friday. Completed practice sheets should be returned each Friday. Please see the guidance at the back of this file for information on how the practice sheet should be completed.
- Children with pierced ears should not come to school with studs in their ears on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays (PE days) please.
- If you are able to help with our topic in any way, or have any resources we can borrow, we would be very grateful!
- Our school day begins at 8.45, although children can be dropped in the yard to play with their friends from 8.30.

Please feel free to e-mail/phone/ pop into school for a chat anytime

Kidsty Pike Class: Year 1 & 2

Parents' Information Book

First Half of the Autumn Term 2023

FOOD & FARMING



Class Teacher: Miss Jackson
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Mephams

This information will give you an idea of what we plan to cover during this half term; however, it may alter with the needs and interests of the children. If you would like any further information or have any questions or concerns, please come and see us.