

Literacy

In Literacy, we have been completing the stories we began writing before Christmas. We have also written to Santa to thank him for our Christmas gifts. We are now going to be learning about one of the tastiest story characters ever...The Gingerbread Man. We'll write recipes and bake ginger bread men. Year 1 will focus on using descriptive language to add more detail into their writing and Year 2 will learn about writing words in their contracted form and using an apostrophe in words such as can't and I'm.

We will then move onto a story about one of the tastiest ever story settings when we look at the story of Hansel and Grettel.

Humanities

In Geography lessons our theme is Environmental Warriors. We will focus on weather and climate and develop the children's understanding that weather can affect people's everyday lives and activities. We will look closely at the weather in Shap and how this can be quite varied, particularly at this time of year!

In History lessons we are learning about significant people through history who have been Activists and fought for change in an area they believe strongly about. The activists through time we will learn about include Emmeline Pankhurst and local suffragette Catherine Marshall, Rosa Parks and most recently Greta Thunberg.

Computing

In computing we are going to be creating media: digital photography. The children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not always be real.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term the children will be working with Miss Heron and Mrs Mephram on their 'Phunky foods & fitness' unit of work. They will focus specifically on vegetables as they learn about the importance of a balanced and varied diet.

RE

In RE this half term we will be considering the question 'What is the good news Jesus brings?'

From a variety of stories Jesus told and the ways he treated people. The children will learn that Christians believe the Good News Jesus brought was that God wants to be friends with everyone, that God forgives everyone who says sorry and that God can give us peace.



Science

In our science work this half term we will be exploring sound and our ears. The children will be able to identify the 5 senses and the body parts associated with them, identify how sounds are made, associating some sounds with something vibrating, recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear, describe different sounds by their pitch or volume, recognise vibrations can change the pitch of the sound, understand why our ears are important and what we can do to look after them.

Outdoor Education with Emma this half term will be on Wednesday 17.01.24.

Numeracy

The year 1's are learning about place value (up to 20) looking at the often confusing teen numbers. They will be able to say 1 more/less than any number up to 20 and be able to compare and order 2 or more numbers. They will also learn how to locate and compare numbers on a number-line. Year 1 will then begin a unit of work on addition and subtraction (within 20).

The Year 2's are continuing to learn about addition and subtraction, using partitioning to add/subtract ones then tens. They will also master the skill of exchanging one ten for ten ones when they are solving subtractions such 34-19. Next the children will complete a shape unit of work. They will learn to count the sides and vertices of 2D shapes and faces, edges and vertices of 3D shapes.

Art & Design

In Art this half term we are completing a drawing unit of work called 'Make your Mark' in which the children will explore mark making and line; working and experimenting with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces. We will look at the work of Bridget Riley, Zaria Forman, Renata Bernal, Wassily Kandinsky and Ilya Bolotowsky to inspire our own work.

Music

In music this half term we are exploring sounds. The children will learn that music is made up of high and low sounds, long and short sounds, and loud and quiet sounds. They will explore these sounds and create their own very simple melodies.

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. This half term we are developing our gymnastic skills. The children will be working on their balancing on one leg, walking the beam and rolling (pencil roll, teddy bear roll and rocking on their back) fundamental movement skills. We will also use the wall bars and movement tables apparatus.

Things to remember this half term:

- 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 now recorded on the Boom Reader (formerly Go Read) app. Reading Raffle Tokens each Friday area 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 daily is ideal! Please bring your PE kit to school each Monday, the children can bring this home each Friday 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.
- Phonics/handwriting homework 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).
- 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 come in for a chat anytime

Thank You!

Kidsty Pike Class: Year 1 & 2

Parents' Information Book

First Half of the Spring Term 2023

Sounds Tasty



Class Teacher: Miss Jackson

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Mephram

Student teacher: Miss Todd

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.