

### Literacy

In Literacy we have begun looking at the stories written and illustrated by local author Beatrix Potter. We are working on our sentence composition and transcription skills. For Year 2 this includes the inclusion of co-ordinating conjunctions such as *or/and/but* to extend simple sentences. We have begun a new continuous cursive handwriting scheme called 'letter join'. This means the Year 1's are now learning to 'lead in' to the letters they previously learned to print in Reception. We have also had a HUGE delivery of fully decodable reading books to supplement the updated Systematic Synthetic Phonics scheme we will be following. Please look out for shiny new reading books that are perfectly matched to your child's current phonic ability.

### Humanities

In Geography lessons we will begin by identifying the human and physical Geographical features we can find in our village.

We will also be looking at aerial photographs and maps of the village to link the map symbols to these features. In History lessons we will be comparing our lives now to life in the 1950's and exploring things that were different then, and things that are still the same.

### Music

In music this term we will be working on a rap song called 'Hey You!' The children will learn to recognise the pulse and rhythm of the song, learn the lyrics of the song and also get chance to use glockenspiels to play an instrumental part of the song, as well.

### PSHE

In PSHE this half term we are reviewing our school's Christian Vision and what it means to us:

*"With children and the church at the heart of the school, we are living in harmony, within our community, nurturing one another to create an environment from which all can soar!"*

Our Mission Statement:

*"Shap School: A Safe Branch from which to Soar!"*

And our Christian Values of: *Friendship, Trust, Peace, Koinonia, Compassion and Creation*

### RE

In RE this half term we will be considering the question *"What do Christians believe God is like?"*

The children will learn that Jesus often used 'parables' to teach people about God. They will learn about, and be able to retell a simple version of the story of the Lost Son.

They will learn that Christians see God as a forgiving father. They will learn about the importance of forgiveness to Christians and how they put this into practice in their own lives.

## *All creatures great & small*



### Science

In our science work this half term we will begin by observing the changes we notice as we enter the season of Autumn.

We will be looking at changes to trees and plants and in the weather & the length of daytime.

We will also be learning about animals, including humans.

Children will identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. We will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will find out which are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will then go on to describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals including pets)

### Numeracy

The year 1's are looking at place value. They are continuing to develop their skills in counting objects and representing the number with numerals. We will be matching numerals to number words and exploring vocabulary such as *more, less, fewer, same, less than, equal to, greater than*. We will be 'counting on' from numbers other than 0 and counting backwards as well.

The Year 2's are looking at place value as well. They will work with numbers upto 100 and will learn about grouping into 10's to count larger groups quickly, as well as partitioning numbers into tens and units. They will then begin adding and subtracting and linking the 'bonds to 10' they already know (eg  $4 + 6 = 10$ ) to 'bonds to 100' (eg  $40 + 60 = 100$ ).

### Art & Design

In Art this half term we are focussing on refining our drawing and sketching skills. We are experimenting with different types of pencils to make darker and lighter lines, as well as developing our observational drawing skills. We are using the illustrations of Beatrix Potter as inspiration for our own art work. We have been busy creating our Christmassy designs for the 'Cauliflower Cards' project...Look out for these in bookbags soon to place the order for the cards your child has designed.

### Computing

In computing we are looking at different types of technology that we have around us in our homes and at school. We are learning about different parts of a computer and how to navigate, using the touchpad & keypad on a laptop

### PE

This half term PE is on Wednesday and Thursday each week. On Wednesdays we are learning to 'Street Dance' with dance coach Kelly. Children are learning to move in time with the music, put a number of different moves together and perform each move for 8 beats, before changing to the next movement in the sequence. On Thursdays we are working with Sports Coach Lucy Potter on refining our basic movements such as walking, jogging, running, hopping, jumping, skipping, galloping and also our throwing and catching skills.

## 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 Gary 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 green 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 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 Autumn Term 2022



Class Teacher: Miss Jackson  
Teaching Assistant: Beth Leckie

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.