

Literacy

In Literacy we will continue learning about the London landmarks through the wonderful adventure story 'Katie in London' that we began before the half term break. We will also be reading, learning about and writing linked to a series of wonderful minibeast stories written by Eric Carle. We will begin with a story I am sure the children are already familiar with: The Very Hungry Caterpillar, before moving onto other stories the author wrote about minibeasts.

Humanities

In Geography lessons we will continue our 'We are Britain' unit of work. We will be considering the differences and similarities of coastal and in-land locations in the UK. We will learn about traditional foods from the 4 UK countries. We will also complete some simple fieldwork in our local park.

In History lessons we will focus on Monarchs past and present. We will be using historical enquiry skills such as observing, deducing, selecting relevant information and evaluating historical artefacts to answer the key questions:

Who has been King or Queen of Britain?
Why do we remember them today?

Music

In music this term we are learning about rhythm, pitch and pulse, working on a song called 'Round and Round'. We will be adding movement to our music lessons to create a dance to perform to the rest of the school.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we are learning about 'Physical Health & First Aid' with Miss Gorst. The children will learn about personal hygiene and how to kill germs and bacteria to keep ourselves fit and healthy. Children will learn about what germs, bacteria and viruses can do to our body and how we can notice the first signs of illness. In addition to this they will have a first aid session run by Action Ants staff at the end of this half term.

RE

In RE this half term we will be considering the key question 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' The children will begin by exploring new life we see during spring time and link this to the Easter Story. The children will be able to retell the story and sequence the main events of Holy Week. They will learn about the significance of 'Easter objects' to Christians such as hot cross buns, Easter eggs and palm crosses and begin to make links between these familiar objects and the story of Jesus' death and resurrection and the good news of Salvation.



Minibeasts

Science

In our science work this half term we will be learning about habitats. The children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. They will identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. They will be able to identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats. They will also be able to describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

Numeracy

The year 1's are developing their addition and subtraction skills within 20, as well as doubling 1 digit numbers and 'near doubles'. They will also be solving 'missing number' problems. They will then move onto a place value unit focussing on numbers 20-50. The Year 2's are learning about money, recognising the different coins and notes and adding the total value of sets of coins/notes. They will be comparing amounts of money and finding change. They will move onto a multiplication and division unit of work, beginning with repeated addition of equal groups, before using arrays and their ability to count in 2's 5's and 10's to answer $\times 2$, $\times 5$ $\times 10$ sums.

Art & Design

In Art & Design this half term we are going to be sculpting using clay. The children will learn to flatten and smooth their clay, roll shapes successfully and make a range of marks in their clay. They will make a basic pinch pot and join at least one clay shape onto the side using the scoring and slipping technique. They will join clay shapes and make marks in the surface to create a pattern. Children will draw a minibeast design and plan how to create the key features in clay. Finally, they will create a clay minibeast that has recognisable features made by both impressing objects into the surface and by joining simple shapes.

Computing

Our topic in computing is 'Digital Music'. We will be learning how to use a computer to make music. We will listen to a variety of pieces of music to consider how they make us think and feel. We will also be looking at and creating patterns; making purposeful music.

PE

This half term PE is on Monday and Thursday each week. Our Monday lesson each week we will gymnastics. We will be developing and refining our agility, balance and co-ordination as we learn a 'Body Management' and 'Floor Exercise' routine. Our Thursday session each week will be cricket with Cumbria Cricket Coaches. In addition to this we will be having our Outdoor Education Adventures with Gary on Monday 6th and 20th of March.

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 Mondays & 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.

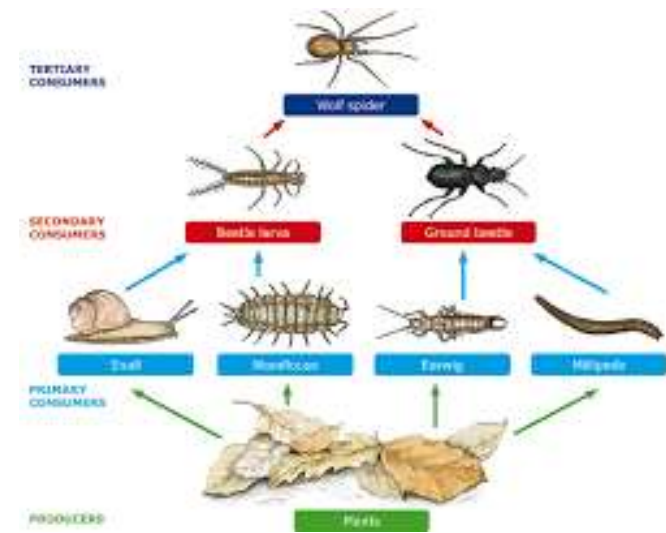
Please feel free to come in for a chat anytime

Thank You!

Kidsty Pike Class: Year 1 & 2

Parents' Information Book

Second Half of the Spring Term 2023



Class Teacher: Miss Jackson

Teaching Assistant: Beth Leckie

Student Teachers: Mr Heap (Week 1, 2, 3)

Miss Brickles (week 3, 4,5)

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.