

Literacy

In Literacy term we will be focussing mainly on non-fiction genres of writing linked to our visits to/from real life heroes in the community such as firefighters, police officers, mountain rescue, farmers and lifeguards.

We will look at examples of non-fiction books to identify and learn about different features of non-fiction texts such as contents page, glossary, index, photos, captions, headings and sub headings. We will use our new knowledge to produce our own non-fiction real life hero information book containing many of these features.

Humanities

In Geography lessons we are learning about the world. We are learning to name the continents and oceans, and locate these on world maps. We will then be looking at globes to identify where hot places are located and what life is like for people living in hot places.

In History lessons we will be learning about Explorers and considering the key question:
'Why do people explore?' To link in with this term's geography, we will focus particularly on Ibn Battuta, a medieval Muslim traveller who wrote one of the worlds most famous travel logs, the Rihlah.

Music

In music this half term the children are learning about the rock genre of music. We will learn a new song called 'I wanna play in a band'. They will also be listening to and appraising other classic rock songs. Kidsty Pike class will also be learning songs to perform at the Key Stage One 'Little Big Sing' event in Penrith on Tuesday 4th July....More details to follow shortly!

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we are beginning by thinking about relationships. The children will think about the range of feelings associated with relationships with friends and family. Children will explore scenarios about our feelings (including jealous and proud) when someone is more successful or luckier than us.
We will then move on to learning about changes. This will include natural developmental changes such as learning to talk/walk, changes we choose and changes we make happen such as goals we set our self to swim 10 Metres or ride a bike without stabilisers.

RE

In RE this half term we will be continuing to learn about the Jewish religion. We will be considering the key question *'Is Shabbat important to Jewish children?'* We will begin by discussing our favourite day of the week and how the weekend days differ from weekdays. We will then learn about the Jewish Sabbath/Shabbat and the special meals that are eaten as well as the other rules Jews must follow on these days.

Real Life



Heroes

Science

Following on from our work about trees last half term, our science this half term we will be learning about plants. The children will be working hard in the Kidsty Pike garden to care for and nurture a variety of plants that have begun growing, including peas, sprouts, garlic, lettuce, cucumber and tomatoes. They will learn about and be able to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including flowering plants such as allium, rose, forget-me-not, poppy, pansy, daisy, cosmos, marigold, daisy, buttercup and sunflower.

The children will also be learning to identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants. They will observe the formation of as they plant sunflower seeds and watch them grow in clear containers, before potting them up to bring home and plant in your garden.

Numeracy

The year 1's are learning about early multiplication and division skills such as grouping and sharing. Next they will learn about the fractions half and quarter. They will learn to find half and quarter of shapes and amounts. Linking in with their computing work, the children will also learn about directional language left, right, forwards, backwards, above and below.

The Year 2's are learning to tell the time to the nearest 15 minutes. Next they will learn about data and statistics in the form of tally charts, block diagrams and pictograms. Linking in with their computing work, the children will also learn to describe movement and to describe turns.

Design and Technology

In D&T this half term we are learning about structures. The children will begin by exploring stability, looking at the stability of different shapes. They will also learn how to strengthen materials to improve stability.

We will then each design and make a chair fit for a Mountain Rescue bear. Finally, we will evaluate the chairs strength, stiffness and stability.

Computing

In computing we are completing a 'Programming' unit of work. We will be using Bee-bots and other programmable robots as we learn how to enter commands for the robots to follow. We will also be able to predict the end point on a map for commands that have been programmed into a robot.

PE

This half term PE is on Monday and Wednesday each week. In addition to this the children will have a block of 10 swimming lessons at Shap pool taught by Woggle Goggle swimming teachers from Monday 3rd July to Friday 14th July. We strongly recommend your child has had previous experience of using Shap Outdoor Swimming pool, and changing independently afterwards. This is often quite a different experience than they may be used to having swum in heated indoor pools. More swimming info to follow shortly.

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 to wear a sunhat when learning or playing outdoors. We have some in school to borrow or you can send one into school if you prefer,
- 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 & Wednesdays (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 Summer Term 2023



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.