

Literacy

In Literacy we are completing speaking & listening, reading and writing activities based around stories about superheroes. We are beginning by writing about our favourite superheroes that we are already familiar with such as Spiderman and Batgirl, before reading, acting out and writing about the 'Traction Man is here' story together. Year 2 children will then go on to write their own sequel to the story, creating their own adventure for the unlikely hero.

We will read and enjoy a vast selection of other superhero stories in addition to traction Man.

Year 2 pupils will complete their two Reading SATS assessments in the latter half of May.

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 begin looking at globes to identify where cold places are located and what life is like for people living in cold 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 Captain Scott's expedition to attempt to be the first people to reach the South Pole in the Antarctic.

Music

In music this term we are going to be using our imagination to accompany a new song. We will be learning the new lyrics, using percussion instruments to represent different lines of the song, having a go at playing a simple melody on the glockenspiel as well as improvising and composing.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we are working with Mrs Kelsall each Friday afternoon on our 'Kidsafe' unit of work. The Kidsafe programme deals with building children's confidence, self-esteem and equips children with effective skills to deal with unsafe situations. Kidsafe enables children to value themselves and others, and helps children to make wise and healthy choices and decisions in their lives.

RE

In RE this half term we will be learning about the religion of Judaism. We will be considering the key question *'How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?'*

The children will be reflecting on the people they listen to/instructions they follow the most and why. We will link this to respect. Children will then learn about the Jewish festival of Passover and the Seder Meal. We will find out about things that Jews do because God asks them to. We will also consider what would be on the menu for a special meal the children might prepare for someone they love and respect.



Superheroes

Science

In our science work this half term we will be exploring the variety of trees around our school environment. We will be learning to identify and name a variety of common trees and say whether they are deciduous or evergreen trees. Children will also identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common trees.

Following our visit to Mayport Aquarium (17th May) we will continue looking at sea creatures and be able to describe how they 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 looking at measuring length and height using multilink cubes initially, then moving onto using a ruler to measure in centimetres. They will then explore and compare weight and volume before moving onto early multiplication and division skills such as counting in 2's, 5's and 10's as well as grouping and sharing.

The Year 2's are looking at multiplication and division, including learning how to draw/use arrays to solve unknown multiplication sums and about the commutative relationship between multiplication and division. We will then move onto a fractions unit of work looking at finding half, one quarter, three quarters, one third and two thirds of a given number. Year 2 pupils will complete their 'arithmetic' and 'Reasoning' Maths SATS assessments in the latter half of May.

Design & Technology

In DT this half term, we are going to be learning about mechanisms. We will learn about pivots, levers and linkages, and how these work together to make something move. Children will then have a go at making their own linkages out of a system of levers to test out and trial these for when they come to make their own moving superhero later in the topic. Having looked at objects that use mechanisms to work, the children will design their own superhero which they will then make out of card and split pins, using pivots, levers and linkages to make the superhero move. After making their superhero, the children will evaluate their product against the design criteria, created earlier in the topic.

Computing

In computing the children are beginning to understand what the term data means and how we can collect data in a tally chart. We will learn how to organise data and then present it using pictograms and block graphs. They will use the 'j2e' tool online to do this.

PE

This half term PE is on Monday and Thursday each week. In our Monday session we are working on tennis skills and activities. In our Thursday session Lucy Potter is working with us on multi-sports and athletics in preparation for sports day in July.

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 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, 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 be 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

First Half of the Summer Term 2023



Class Teacher: Miss Jackson

Teaching Assistant: Beth Leckie

Student Teacher: Miss Savannah Brickles

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.