

Literacy

We will focus on 'Talk for Writing' developed using the traditional tales 'The Magic Porridge Pot' and 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The children will retell the stories orally using pictures on a story map. Year 1's will work in groups to write simple sentences from the original story remembering finger gaps and full stops. The year 2 children will be adapting the original story to create a new adventure.

The children will write a recount of the trip to a farm. They will recognise and identify nouns, verbs and adjectives.

RE

The children will explore 'Creation' and recognise the beginning of the big story of the bible. They will learn about how Christians show gratitude to God by thinking of ways to care for the world and protect our environment.

They will look at art work and listen to songs inspired by the creation and develop their own ideas.

They will learn about Harvest Festival as an opportunity to thank God. Harvest Festival at St Michaels Church is on **Friday 1st October**.

Numeracy

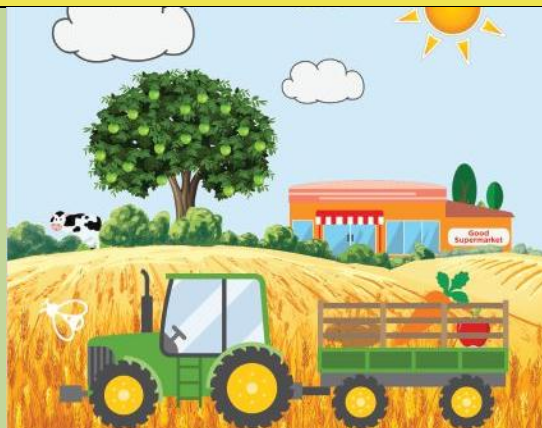
In Maths this half term, we are learning about place value and addition. The year 1's are looking at counting forwards and backwards, counting sets of objects and knowing how to write the numeral and number word to match the quantity counted, 1 more/less than a given number and comparing groups with fewer, more of the same amount using $<$ $=$ $>$ symbols. They will also begin some simple number-line work.

The Year 2's are looking at tens and units, and will learn how to partition all 2 digit numbers into 10's and 1's. They will compare sets of objects/numbers to 100 and will continue counting in 2's, 5's and 10's before learning to count in 3's. They will use their knowledge of the 'bonds to 10' to learn the bonds to 20 and even 100!

Humanities

Key **geographical** questions explore: *What is Farming & why it important? What are farms like near us? How do seasons affect farming? How is farming different across the UK?* The children will develop mapping skills and go on a field trip to a farm near Kirby Stephen in two groups on the **29th and 30th September** to learn more about local farming and sustainability.

Our key **historical** questions cover: *How has farming changed over time? What was farming in Shap like in the 1950's? What did people eat in the past? What jobs did people do on farms in the past?*



Design & Technology

This half term we are completing a food unit of work 'A Balanced Diet'.

The children will learn about food groups and identify the balance of these in a meal.

They will identify appropriate equipment to prepare different foods.

After taste testing various foods the children will select a balanced combination of ingredients to make a healthy wrap. They will evaluate their dish and suggest improvements.

Music

The music theme is 'Musical heartbeat'. The children will learn to name the 'pulse' or the 'beat' of the music. As they listen and sing to the music and songs, they will try to find and keep the pulse or steady beat. They will march, clap or sway in time.

PSHE

The PSHE theme is 'The Decider Skills'. These skills use Cognitive Behaviour Therapy to teach children to recognise their own thoughts, feelings and behaviours. It will help them to develop strategies to empower, monitor and manage their own emotional and mental health.

Science

In science the children will explore 'Plants'. They will expand their scientific enquiry through classifying various seeds, bulbs and plants. They will instigate a range of different tests to identify the best growing conditions and understand the plant life cycle. They will expand their knowledge and answer their own questions, using non fiction texts and the internet.

The children will develop identification skills and name a variety of plants in our environment including deciduous and evergreen trees. They will observe, draw and paint plants and label the different parts.

Computing

This half term Mrs Lever will teach computing during Mrs Kelsall's PPA time on a Friday morning. In computing the children will be learning about 'I.T. around us', looking at I.T. in school and in the wider world. They will explore the benefits of I.T. and how to use it safely.

PE - Tues, Wed & Thurs

PE specialist, Lucy Potter will continue working with the class every fortnight. Class PE focus is 'Games' developing target tag games, some playground games including banana tag. These will develop our object control skills. Outdoor Education sessions with Emma Daley are on **Tuesday 23rd September and Tuesday 14th October**

Things to remember this half term:

- Please bring fresh water in a named water bottle every day, sorry no juice!
- Please bring your book bag to school (including your reading book) EVERYDAY. Reading in school and at home is recorded on the Boom Reader app. Reading Raffle Tokens each Friday are awarded based on the entries logged that week. You need to read at home at least 3 times per week but daily is ideal!
Please bring your PE kit to school each Monday; this can be brought home on Fridays 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.
- Spelling Shed assignments will be set for Mrs Mephams SPELLING SHED group (mainly Y2's) each week
- Phonics/handwriting homework will be set for Mrs Kelsall's PHONICS group (mainly Y1's)
- Learn It's / Clics will be sent weekly for maths homework
- Common Misconception words will be sent for your child to practice at home
- 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 e-mail/phone/ pop into school for a chat anytime

Thank You!

Kidsty Pike Class: Year 1 & 2

Parents' Information Book

First Half of the Autumn Term 2025

FOOD & FARMING



Class Teacher: Mrs Kelsall

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Mephams

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.