



Literacy

Our literacy this half term will begin by reading and writing Bonfire Night and Peace poetry. We will then complete a Talk for writing unit about the story of the 'Three Little Pigs'. In their writing activities, Year 1 will continue to work on leaving gaps between words and using a full stop to end each sentence. They will also be aiming to use a capital letter to begin each sentence. Year 2 will be creating their own version of a houses and homes story about animals of their choice. They will be learning about different forms of sentences: statements, questions, exclamations, and commands and the punctuation used to demarcate the ends of these sentences.

We will move onto Christmas related reading and writing activities as we enter December.

Humanities

The children continue learning about farming and why this matters. In geography they will continue to learn about locating features on maps and identify land use. They will consider seasonal changes and which farming jobs are important at different times of the year. They will find out the food we eat comes from around the world. The **historical** question; How has farming changed over time? will continue, by looking at photographs of farming equipment identifying changes over time.

Music

We will be learning the words and melodies for the Christmas production of 'Angel Express'. Performances on Wednesday 10th December at 2pm and 6pm.

PE

Lucy Potter, PE specialist, continues to work with us every other week on Wednesday afternoons. During our non-Lucy weeks, we will have PE on Thursday afternoons. Every week we will have a Tuesday PE lesson. This half term we are developing our dancing skills. We are going to be creating movements and linking them together to perform in time with music. We will also learn dances that will appear in the Nativity.

RE

In RE this half term we will be considering the key questions:
What gifts might Christians in Shap have given Jesus? We will discuss the best gifts we have received, and how it felt to receive these gifts. We will link these reflections to the Christmas story and suggest gifts we would give to Jesus, and gifts Christians might choose to give to Jesus.

We will focus on the Nativity Story and preparing a performance for parents on Wednesday 10th December at 2pm and 6pm.



Houses and Homes

Science

We will learn about materials and their properties. The children will identify and compare everyday materials, comparing their suitability for different purposes. They will help:

- Tigger find the bounciest material for his shoes
- The second little pig make a stronger house
- Willy Wonker find a new flexible plastic for his squirting chocolate
- Wonder Woman find a stretchy fabric for her tights
- Billy find a material to plug the hole in his bucket
- Lightning McQueen find a transparent windscreen
- The Mario Cart characters find the fastest surface to travel for their next race

Numeracy

The year 1's are looking at addition and subtraction with a big focus on 'bonds to 10'. They will also work on some addition problems, before beginning subtraction work by removing objects from a set or crossing pictures out and counting how many are left.

The Year 2's are looking at 'bonds to 20' and 'bonds to 100' before moving onto adding and subtracting a 1 digit number from a 2 digit number. They will progress onto adding and subtracting one 2 digit number to/from another. We will use base 10 resources to represent the tens and ones in each number. Adding and subtract practically with objects before using pictures to support their work.

"D and 3D shape work will also be covered.

Art & Design

In Art this half term we are completing a 'Sculpture & 3D' unit of work. After looking at clay pieces by Ranti Bam and the Turner prize winner Rachel Whiteread the children will design and make a clay house tile. They will learn the difference between impressing and working in relief. Essential clay making skills will be practised using a variety of tools, their hands and the score and slip method.

Computing

Develop simple oral instructions and transfer to computer programming. The children will identify what each floor robot command does and use this to create their own instructions. Learners are also introduced to the early stages of programme design through the introduction of algorithms.

PSHE Positive mental health and wellbeing, is the focus. Exploring emotions and talking about your own and other's feelings. Understanding the important role friendship plays in helping us feel happy. Explore the negative impact of unkindness from others and learn some simple self-care techniques.





Things to remember this half term:

- Please 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 recorded on the Boom Reader app. Reading Raffle Tokens each Friday are awarded if you have 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 'Outdoor education' time. We will also wear 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, in to school.
- Spelling Shed assignments (mainly Y2's) are tested every TUESDAY, these can be practiced on ED SHED or practiced by writing in the blue practice folder (in book bags).
- ELS spellings (mostly Y1's) are tested every FRIDAY. These are in a blue folder (in book bags) for your child to practice.
- Spelling Shed high frequency words (mainly year 2's) are in a little brown draw string bag in your child's book bag to be tested weekly.
- ELS group (mostly Y1's) HIGH FREQUENCY words will be sent and revised weekly
- Maths homework: CLICS and LEARN ITS will be sent and tested alternatively every TUESDAY
- Our school day begins at 8.40, although children can be dropped in the yard to play with their friends from 8.30.

Please feel free to send a message on teams/e-mail/phone/ pop into school for a chat anytime

Thank You!

Kidsty Pike Class: Year 1 & 2

Parents' Information Book

Second Half of the Autumn Term 2025

Houses & Homes



Class Teacher: Mrs Kelsall
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Mepham

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.

