

Literacy

Through the story of Paddington by M. Bond and Coming to England by F. Benjamin the children will develop character and setting descriptions as well as developing an understanding of fact and fiction.

Year 1 will focus on using descriptive language to add more detail into their writing and Year 2 will learn about writing words in their contracted form and using an apostrophe in words such as can't and I'm.

Instructional writing and lists will be used to write the gingerbread man ingredients and recipe.

Humanities

In Geography lessons our theme is Environmental Warriors. We will focus how activists such as Greta Thunberg and Rosa Parks can make a difference. The children will learn about the different habitats around the world and think of ways they can do to keep their immediate environment healthy. They will think of ways to look after wildlife and keep Shap a beautiful village to live in.

Computing

In computing we are going to be creating media: digital photography. The children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not always be real.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term the children will be working with Miss Heron on the 'Phunky Foods & Fitness' unit of work. They will focus specifically on vegetables as they learn about the importance of a balanced and varied diet. Suzanne will also take groups to help maintain our school gardens.

RE

In RE this half term we will be considering the question 'What is the good news Jesus brings?'

From a variety of stories Jesus told and the ways he treated people, the children will learn that Christians believe Good News. A visit to St. Michael's church will help the children to further explore friendship, forgiveness and peace.

Wed 4th February 2.55pm - Kidsty Pike Class Worship



Our World in Wonder

Science

In our science work this half term we will be exploring sound. The children will be able to identify the 5 senses and the body parts associated with them. They will explore how sounds are made, associating sounds with vibrations. They will describe different sounds by their pitch or volume and recognise vibrations can change the pitch of the sound.

Outdoor Education with Mrs Daley this half term will be on Tues 20th January and Tues 10th February.
Science 'Sound' Day Wed 21st January

Numeracy

The year 1's are learning about place value (up to 20) looking at the often confusing teen numbers. They will be able to say 1 more/less than any number up to 20 and be able to compare and order 2 or one numbers. They will also learn how to locate and compare numbers on a number-line. Year 1 will then begin a unit of work on addition and subtraction (within 20).

The Year 2's are continuing to learn about addition and subtraction, using partitioning to add/subtract ones then tens. They will also master the skill of exchanging one ten for ten ones when they are solving subtractions such 34-19. Next the children will complete a money unit of work.

Art & Design

In Art this half term we are completing a drawing unit of work called 'Understanding Tone and Texture' in which the children will explore mark making and line; working and experimenting with different drawing mediums through observational and collaborative pieces. We will look at the work of Bridget Riley, Zaria Forman, Renata Bernal, Wassily Kandinsky and Ilya Bolotowsky to inspire our own work.

Music

In music this half term we are exploring sound through the story of 'Yo-Yo and the little Auk'. The children will learn that music is made up of high and low sounds, long and short sounds, and loud and quiet sounds. They will explore these sounds and create their own very simple melodies.

PE

Lucy Potter will continue to develop games skills on Wednesday afternoons. On Thursdays Jenny Cooper will also be coming in to develop gymnastic skills. The children will be working on their balancing on one leg, walking the beam and rolling (pencil roll, teddy bear roll and rocking on their back) fundamental movement skills. We will also use the wall bars and large apparatus.
Dodgeball experience Fri 30th Jan
Fri 13th - Action Ants

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 suited 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 THURSDAY, These are in a blue folder (in book bags) for your child to practice.
- Individually targeted high frequency words are sent on an A4 sheet to be tested weekly, and changed when your child can read and understand them.
- 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

First Half of the Spring Term 2026

Our World in Wonder



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.