

Literacy

In Literacy we are continuing to read and write our own riddles and poems. We are learning about features of poetry including alliteration, rhyming and similes. We will read, solve and learn about the features of riddle poems before writing our own riddles about animals. After this we will read and write about Australian Aboriginal Dreamtime stories such as 'Tiddalick the Frog' and 'The Rainbow Serpent'.

Year 1 will prepare for the Phonics Screening tests (beginning of June)

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

Humanities

In Geography lessons our key question to consider is 'Why is Australia Amazing?' The children will learn that Australia is on the other side of the Earth to the UK and will be able to locate it on a map and name the oceans that surround it. They will learn it has a very diverse landscape, and about the weather in Australia.

The children will learn about the Aboriginal or indigenous Australians, learning about their history through art work and stories.

Music

In music we will continue to base learning around a Reggae song for children and use notes on the glockenspiel to keep in time with the music. The children will also start to learn songs for the 'Little Big Sing' event in July.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we are working with Miss Todd each Friday morning on our 'Kidsafe' unit of work 'Mental Health' The Kidsafe programme deals with building children's confidence, self-esteem and equips children with effective skills to deal with emotions. Kidsafe enables children to value themselves and others, and helps children to make wise and healthy choices and decisions in their lives. **Action Ants First Aid: Fri 17th April**

RE

In RE in the summer term we are looking at a different faith - Judaism. This half term we are learning about 2 key Jewish festivals: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Will be considering the key question: Are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur important to Jewish children? Being sorry and forgiving others will be a key part of our discussions in this unit of work.

Kidsty Pike Worship Time: Thursday 7th May



Habitat Heroes

Science

The children will be learning about living things and their habitats. The children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. The children will learn that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited. We will then focus on our local and contrasting habitats to describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain. **We will celebrate David Attenborough's birthday on 8th May.**

Friday 1st May – Visit to Old Courthouse for 'Places that Matter' exhibition

Year 1 visit to Morland School for the 'Farming Day' on Friday 22nd May.

Numeracy

The year 1's are learning about measuring and comparing mass (weight) and capacity/volume. They will shortly move onto multiplication and division; learning to count in 2's 5's and 10's and doubling. After this they will begin learning about the fractions half and quarter.

The Year 2's are continuing to learn about multiplication and division, including the relationship between x2 with doubling and ÷2 with halving. We will then move onto a fractions unit of work looking at finding half, one quarter, three quarters, one third and two thirds of shapes and numbers. Year 2 pupils will complete their 'arithmetic' and 'Reasoning' Maths SATS assessments in the latter half of May.

Art & Design

In Art this half term we are going to be learning about colour using paint. This unit focuses on teaching primary and secondary colours, colour mixing, and creating textures using different tools. It also covers collage techniques, encouraging pupils to experiment with materials and evaluate their artistic choices and aims to develop children's understanding of colour, texture, and composition in art. The children will be inspired by the work of famous American collage artist Romare Bearden.

Computing

In computing we are learning about 'Creating media – Digital Writing'. The children will familiarise themselves with typing on a keyboard and begin using tools to change the look of their writing,

PE

Ric Armstrong will work with the children delivering games sessions on Friday mornings, developing a range of fundamental skills including running, dodging, rolling, throwing, catching, kicking, bouncing, dribbling, and hitting. The children will also take part in dance sessions on either a Tuesday or Thursday or both.

**Outdoor Education sessions with Emma Daley: 14th April and 5th May TriKidz (in school) Wed 15th April
Sheepmount Stadium Visit: Friday 15th May
Action Ants: Fri 17th April in school**

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 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 THURSDAY 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 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 Summer Term 2026

Habitat Heroes



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.