

Literacy

Our Literacy work this half term will include reading and writing activities linked to pirate stories such as 'The Pirate Cruncher' and 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle. There will be a strong emphasis on evaluating and editing with greater independence. In year 1, children will be expected to re-read what they have written to check it makes sense and amend their writing if it does not. In year 2 children will be developing their skills in proof reading to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation. Non-fiction writing will include recount of the Wildlife Park visit and instructions about how to make a pull along toy, made in DT.

Humanities – History Focus

In History lessons we will be learning about:
How transport changed over time and how it has changed people's lives?
How people travelled before trains and cars
Why Stephenson's rocket was such an important invention.
How the railway changed Shap.
How the Wright brothers helped people to fly.
Why the moon landing was a significant event.

Music

In music this half term we are preparing for a very exciting musical event: '**The Little Big Sing**' at Penrith Methodist Church on 6th July at 5pm. The theme this year is '**The Natural World**' in honour of **David Attenborough**.

We will be performing songs from musicals alongside year 1 and 2 children from Beaconside and St Catherine's schools. We will be having a workshop in school with Jilly Jarmon of BlueJam Arts on Tues 16th of June. More details about the event arrangements and how to purchase tickets will follow shortly.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we are working with Chloe each Friday morning focusing on changed and relationships.

RE

In RE in the summer term we are looking at a different faith - Judaism. This half term we are learning about 'Rites of Passage' and 'Good Works'. We will be considering the key question '*What is the best way for a Jew to show commitment to God?*' We will find out about how Jews follow the 10 commandments and other rules to lead a good life, and about the special rules followed each week for Shabbat. We will learn about 'Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremonies and why these are important to young Jews.

TIME TRAVELLERS



Science

This half term, we will continue our exciting learning about living things and their habitats.

On **Wednesday 3rd June**, the EYFS and KS1 children will be visiting the **Lake District Wildlife Park in Keswick**, where they will have the opportunity to learn more about animals such as meerkats and red pandas. They will also discover the importance of conservation and understand why caring for animals responsibly is so important. In class, we will continue exploring simple food chains and further develop our understanding of key scientific vocabulary, including *producer, consumer, predator, prey, herbivore, carnivore, and omnivore*. We may also hold another popular **Pet Week**, giving children the opportunity to talk about their pets, share their experiences, and learn more about how different animals are cared for.

Numeracy

The year 1's are looking at geometry, they will be learning to describe clockwise/anticlockwise turns and position using left and right accurately. Next they will learn about place value (up to 100) counting in 10's, partitioning 2 digit numbers and comparing numbers. After that they will move onto money maths.

The Year 2's are looking at time, they will learn to tell time to the nearest 5 minutes. Next they will learn about statistics using tally charts, tables, block diagrams and pictograms. After that they will move onto geometry, they will learn about describing position, movement and direction.

Design & Technology

In Design and Technology this half term we are learning about mechanisms. The children will learn that wheels move because they are attached to an axle and recognise that these are used in everyday life, not just in cars. They will be able to identify and explain vehicle design flaws using vocabulary such as wheel, axle, axle holder and chassis before designing a vehicle that includes functioning wheels, axles and axle holders. After making a pull along toy with working wheels and axles, they will evaluate what they have made, explaining what must be changed if there are any operational issues.

Computing

In computing with Chloe, will be using digital literacy skills linked to our history work about transport through time, to produce an e-book!

PE

Swimming sessions will take place daily over 3 weeks (15th, 22nd & 29th June) with Marion, the swimming coach.

Cricket sessions run by Cumbria Cricket coaches will take place on the 1st, 8th and 15th July.

We will also prepare for the **triathlon** on 9th July the '**School Sports Day**' on Friday 17th July.

Outdoor Education sessions with **Mrs Daley**, will run on the 9th and 30th June.

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.

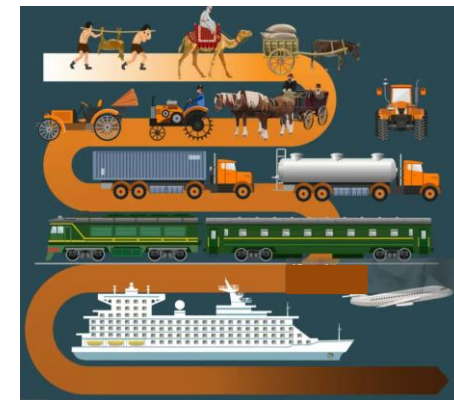
Please feel free to send a message on teams/e-mail/phone/ pop into school for a chat anytime
Thank You!

Kidsty Pike Class: Year 1 & 2

Parents' Information Book

Second Half of the Summer Term 2026

Time Travellers



Class Teacher: Mrs Kelsall

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Mephram

This information will give you an idea of what we plan to cover during this half term; however, 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.