

Literacy

In our Literacy lessons we will begin by reading and re-enacting stories based around the harvest theme. As the term progresses we are going to be reading and learning about the stories written and illustrated by local author Beatrix Potter. The children will be working on our sentence composition and transcription skills. Year 1 will develop their confidence to write sentences using their phonics knowledge. Year 2 will begin to write and punctuate sentences and begin to understand how to use verbs and tenses correctly.

There will be regular phonics and handwriting sessions.

Humanities

In Geography lessons we will begin by identifying the human and physical Geographical features we can find in our village.

We will also be looking at aerial photographs and maps of the village to link the map symbols to these features.

In History lessons we will be comparing our lives now to life in the 1950's and exploring things that were different then, and things that are still the same.

Music

In music this half term the children are lucky enough to have lessons by music specialist Elizabeth Harper who will be developing musical skills using glockenspiels.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term we are reviewing our school's Christian Vision and what it means to us:

"With children and the church at the heart of the school, we are living in harmony, within our community, nurturing one another to create an environment from which all can soar!"

Our Mission Statement:

"Shap School: A Safe Branch from which to Soar!"

And our Christian Values of: **Friendship, Trust, Peace, Koinonia, Compassion and Creation.**

We will also be revisiting the 'Decider Skills', helping children understand and regulate feelings and emotions.

RE

In RE this half term we will be considering the key question *'What do Christians believe God is like?'*

The children will learn that Jesus often used 'parables' to teach people about God. They will learn about, and be able to retell a simple version of the story of 'The Lost Son'. They will learn that Christians see God as a forgiving father. They will learn about the importance of forgiveness to Christians and how they put this into practice in their own lives.

Tales, Tails and Tiny Trails



Science

In our science work this half term we will begin by observing the changes we notice as we enter the season of Autumn. We will be looking at changes to trees and plants and in the weather & the length of daytime. We will also be learning about animals, including humans. Children will identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense. We will identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. We will find out which are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will then go on to describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals including pets)

Numeracy

The year 1's are learning about place value. They are continuing to develop their skills in counting objects and representing the number with numerals. They will be matching numerals to number words and exploring vocabulary such as more, less, fewer, same, less than, equal to, greater than. They will be 'counting on' from numbers other than 0 and counting backwards as well.

The Year 2's are looking at place value as well. They will work with numbers upto 100 and will learn about grouping into 10's to count larger groups quickly as well as partitioning numbers into tens and units. They will then begin adding and subtracting and linking the 'bonds to 10' they already know (eg 4+6=10) to 'bonds to 100' (eg 40+60=100).

Art & Design

In Art this half term we are focussing on refining our drawing and sketching skills. The children will develop a range of mark making techniques. They will explore and experiment with mark-making to create textures. They will develop observational drawing skills. They will begin to understand how to apply expressions to illustrate characters and develop illustrations to tell a story. We will use the illustrations of Beatrix Potter as inspiration for our own art work.

We will also be busy creating art work for the church boards over harvest and Christmassy designs for the 'Cauliflower Cards' project. Look out for these in bookbags in the next few weeks to place the order for the card your child has designed.

Computing

Computing will be taught each Friday afternoon by Anna Malin. In computing the children are looking at different types of technology that we have around us in our homes and at school. They will learn about different parts of a computer and how to navigate, using the touchpad & keypad on a laptop

PE

The children are to develop target tag skills and will to reinforce these they will have tag rugby sessions with Ben Hoyle.

Outdoor Education with Emma is on Wed 16th September and Wed 7th October.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tues 22nd Visit to Beatrix Potter World

Wed 23rd – Class Worship Time

Tues 20th – Visit to Low Beckside Farm, Mungrisedale

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 assignments (mainly Y2's) are tested every THURSDAY
- ELS spellings (mostly Y1's) are tested every THURSDAY.
Spellings 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 Autumn Term 2026

Tales, Tails and Tiny Trails



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, 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.