

Our learning this half-term... - Year 2

Literacy

In Literacy this half term we will be learning about

We will be learning about the following:

- Features of a short story
- Writing a character description
- Recognising and using paragraphs in our writing for new settings or events
- Writing our own Horrid Henry-style story
- Answering comprehension questions requiring inferencing (when the answers are not stated on the page)
- Research information about our chosen subject
- Writing a non-fiction page independently

To support your child with this aspect of learning you could:

- Continue to read at home daily, looking at lots of different types of books and in particular, fiction texts (short stories, fairy tales, fables, myths).
- Pick out interesting vocabulary the author has used.
- Encourage your child to read with expression.
- Support and encourage your child whenever they are keen to do some extra writing at home.
- Ask comprehension questions requiring a deeper level of understanding (How do you think the character felt? How would you feel if you were the character? Why do you think the character did that?)

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be covering the following skills:

- Problem Solving and Number Puzzles
- 2D and 3D shapes and their properties
- Positional and Directional Language
- Compass Points
- Co-ordinates
- Division
- Adding amounts including money
- Estimating and Rounding numbers

To help your child with this aspect of learning you could:

- Adding small amounts of money when shopping.
- Look for shapes around the home and discuss their properties.
- Look at maps together and try to locate known places. See if you can use the co-ordinates on the map to get to another known place.
- When carrying out calculations, ask them to estimate their answer before working the answer out.
- Continue to practice the 4 mathematical calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)
- Ask times table questions for them to learn their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.



Wider Curriculum

History

In History this half term, we will be learning about 'Transport'. We will explore different modes of transport and the way they have changed over time to become what we have now in the world. During this unit, we will also learn about the 'Wright Brothers' and how they contributed to air travel.



Science

In Science this half term, our learning is focussed on 'Plants'. We will be exploring their life cycle, what they need to grow/stay healthy as well as recognising different plants. In addition to this, we will be planting and observing the growth of our own plants in different conditions.

PE

Outdoor PE - Hit, Catch, Run (Please remember suitable clothing for PE outdoors!)

Indoor PE - Dance

Ed for Life/Philosophy

In Ed for Life and Philosophy this half term, we will be learning about festivals and rituals that link to key beliefs of different religions.

Computing

Our learning in Computing this half term focuses on continuing to code using 'Scratch Jr'. This is a free app to create a code for characters to move in different ways.



Homework will continue to be set weekly (Thursday) alongside reading, learn-its and spellings. Please support your child with this and ensure homework books are back in school for marking on a Tuesday!

Dates to remember

Thursday 7th March 2019 - World Book Day

Friday 29th March 2019 - KS1 Mother's Day Event

Friday 5th April 2019 - End of Term

Check out our
Facebook page to
see our learning in
action!

