

Class 2's Learning Letter

Welcome back. We hope that you had an enjoyable Easter break. We are looking forward to completing a full term in school and will continue to carry out the routines and procedures to keep us safe and well. Our topic this half term is 'The Great Outdoors' The knowledge, skills and opportunities for learning that your child will experience through this topic are set out below. Alongside this, we will continue to participate in daily phonics, reading and PHSE sessions that support this learning. Thank you for all your support at home. Mrs Gastall & Mrs Wright



English

This half term we will be:

- Reading, analysing and innovating a story with a familiar setting
- Poetry - Simple rhyme based on a traditional rhyme
- Non-fiction - Information Booklet

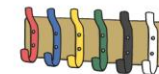
We will read the book 'The Scarecrows Wedding' by Julia Donaldson and have lots of discussion around the characters, events and new vocabulary in this story. Then we will innovate the story with our own ideas, culminating in us writing our own story based on the original. Alongside this we will read the following books: 'Goat and Donkey in The Great Outdoors', 'Maisie Goes Camping', 'Boris Goes Camping', 'Percy the Park Keeper' and 'Stuck' as well as a variety of non-fiction books such as 'Barnaby Bear', 'At the Seaside' and 'My First Camping Book'. This will culminate in us writing an information booklet and a simple rhyme based on a traditional one.

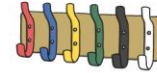
Maths

This half term we will be focusing on several areas of Numeracy:

- Measurement (Length & Height) (Weight & Volume) (Years 1 & 2)
- Fractions (Years 1 & 2)
- Multiplication & Division (Years 1 & 2)
- Problem Solving

Through practical activities, children will use concrete objects and pictures to help their understanding. Using these methods will also support the children as they reason and solve mathematical problems.





Key learning in Science

We will learn to identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock (and brick, paper and cardboard). We will explore and learn to describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials. We will compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical properties. We will carry out practical investigations through comparative and fair testing to find out which materials have the best absorbency, strength and waterproofing to make an outdoor coat for a toy.

Key learning in Design & Technology

In DT, we will be designing, making and evaluating a piece of playground equipment for a small world figure to use. We will research existing products, investigating actual examples such as the slide in the local playground or small world structures. We will learn to explain which materials we are using and why. We will name the tools that we are using and evaluate our product as we make it, discuss the good and bad points of it. Finally, we will test our finished products to evaluate how well it meets the needs of the person who is going to use it.

Key Learning in Geography

We will learn how to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in our country. We will learn to understand and to use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to key physical and human features. We will carry out fieldwork around our school and ask questions such as what are our school grounds like? What geographical features are there in the school grounds? (e.g. man-made and natural.) Where is our school located? (e.g. in which village or town, on which road; What geographical features can we see within a short walking distance from our school? (e.g. houses, shops, roads, fields, park etc.) What features can we see in the distance? (e.g. hills or tall buildings.) We will follow simple instructions to get from one place to another using positional and directional language. We will learn to use simple maps and globes.

Key Learning in Computing

This half term, we will be learning to code through different activities.

Reading at Home Your child's books for reading at home have been allocated to you on ActiveLearn bugclub. It is important for you to hear your child read at least a couple of pages from their book on a daily basis. I am able to see when each child has read and can allocate new books accordingly but you can also message me on Class Dojo and I will send new books. On Wednesdays, your child will read one of their home reading books to an adult in class and on the other days, they will read texts through guided reading with me. Spellings for this next half term have been posted on Class Dojo and Spelling Shed Each Friday, your child will be tested on that week's spellings. Please could you look at the spellings at home with your child and encourage them to practise them.

As from this week, I will be setting weekly activities on Maths Shed. These will be simple games for your child to play but will consolidate the learning that we do in class. This will allow your child to practise their maths skills in concepts such as Times Tables, Number Bonds etc. Please ensure that your child reads regularly, practises their spellings and maths skills as this is their weekly homework.

RE
This half term our RE unit is Hinduism. We will learn about the beliefs and values of the Hindu faith and relate these to our own behaviour and beliefs about God. Our Christian value for this half term is Trust. We will look at Trust through our Class Worship.

PE
Lessons continue to be on a Wednesday morning. Due to the current situation, please ensure your child comes to school dressed in appropriate clothes for PE.

