

Class 2's Learning Letter



Welcome back. We hope that you had a wonderful half term break. We are delighted to welcome the children back and I have planned some exciting activities through which to learn. 'Toy Story' is our topic this half term and 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

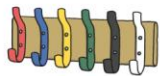


English

This half term we will be:

- Reading, analysing and innovating a story about a robot
- Poetry -learning & reciting a poem about robots
- Non-fiction - A first person recount about making a model robot

We will read the book 'and have lots of discussion around the book 'No-Bot' by Sue Hendra. This will allow us to write our own fantasy story featuring our own robot model as the central character. Alongside this we will read the following books: The Three Little Aliens and the Big Bad Robot by Margaret McNamara. The Big Bad Wolf and the Robot Pig by Laura North and Kevin Cross. The Robot Book by Heather Brown. Harry and the Robots by Ian Whybrow 'This will culminate in us writing a first person recount about making a model robot and we will learn a poem by heart about robots and then perform it.

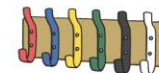
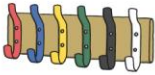


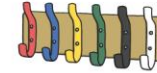
Maths

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

- Position & Direction
- Time
- Mass, Capacity & Temperature
- Length and Height

Through practical activities, the children will use concrete objects and pictures to help their understanding. Using these methods will support the children as they explore place value, addition & subtraction, multiplication & division. The children will apply their mathematical knowledge to reasoning and solve mathematical problems.





Key learning in Science

In science, we will be looking at Humans. We 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 learn to recognise that humans are animals. We will compare and describe differences in our features (eye, hair, skin colour, etc. We will learn that humans have many similarities. Throughout this unit, we will learn to distinguish what is different between a robot and a human. Seasonal changes - We will also continue to observe and describe the changes that occur over our year and through the different seasons. We will look at weather, growth and temperatures to talk about the features of the different seasons.

Key learning in Art & Design

The children will develop their observational and drawing skills by experimenting with a variety of media; pencils, rubbers, crayons, pastels, charcoal, ballpoints and chalk. They will sketch and draw before building robot figures in 3-D from recycled materials.

Key Learning in Computing

This half term, we will navigate around a spreadsheet so that the children can explain what rows and columns are, save and open sheet and enter data into cells. They will also add images to a spreadsheet and use the speak tool so that the items are counted out loud.

Key Learning in Music

Over the next weeks, we will consolidate the learning that has occurred during the year. We will revisit songs and musical activities, listen to and appraise classical music. We will ask is it low or high in pitch? Is the music long and smooth or short and spiky? Is the music loud or quiet? Does it change? Is the change gradual or sudden? What is the speed of this music? Is it quick or slow? We will sing, play instruments, share and perform the learning that has taken place.

Reading at Home

Your child's books for reading at home have been allocated to you on ActiveLearn bugclub. Please hear your child read at least a couple of pages from their book on a regular basis. If you have any questions or need any new books, please message me on Class Dojo and I will allocate more to your child. 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.

This half term, we will be practising our mental recall of number facts such as times tables, doubles, number bonds, 1 more/1 less, 10 more/10 less than a given number. We will also be practising our skills in addition/subtraction, multiplication and division on a daily basis. There are activities on Maths Shed that allow your child to practise their skills in these concepts.

RE
This half term our RE unit is 'The Church' (Christianity). We will learn about the beliefs and values of the relate these to our own behaviour and beliefs about God. Our Christian value for this half term is Courage. We will look at Courage 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.

