

Year 2 Autumn Half Term 2 Parents' Leaflet

The aim of our curriculum is to link much of the work around a theme, which makes learning more exciting and purposeful.

Science - Materials

This half term we will continue to develop the skills needed for investigating. The children will be supported in planning their own investigations and will make predictions, observe and come to conclusions. Our focus will be on 'materials' and will link to our learning about the Titanic as we explore which materials float and sink and try and explain why.

P.E

In P.E with Mr Brook on a Thursday the children will begin gymnastics, focusing on jumping, travelling, stretching and rolling. This will lead to the children making their own sequence. With Mr Renardson children will continue with the theme of multi-skills games.

English

We begin this half term by exploring the fiction book, The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson. After exploring the variety of settings and vocabulary related to these, the children will write a letter from the snail to one of his friends on the rock. We will then focus on reading and writing reports. The children will recognise the key features of this non-fiction text type then use the familiar structure to write their own non-chronological reports about the sinking of the Titanic. We will finish the half term by exploring and writing some Christmas poetry.

Religious Education

We will continue to think about whether we can tell what people are thinking by the way that they look. We are looking forward to welcoming a visitor from the Sikh faith.

This half term our topic is:
Oh, what a day!

We will continue to look at important historical events in Britain. This term we will learn about the sinking of the Titanic.

History

The sinking of the Titanic is a key event in our history and the children will have the opportunity to:

- Learn more about what the country was like during 1912 and who our monarch was.
- We will use our enquiry skills to explore sources focusing on the ship itself.
- We will once again consider what history has taught us and how we have acted upon this great disaster.

Mathematics

Our focus this half term is to ensure that all children are able to recall important facts quickly to help them calculate. This is predominantly taught through our daily Big Maths sessions. We will also focus on learning to multiply through repeated addition and drawing arrays. Time will be spent introducing division as the inverse of multiplication. We will apply our ability to add and subtract when working with money. We will make links to the Titanic as we progress through the term by looking at the number of 1st class passengers, 2nd class passenger and 3rd class passengers on-board and compare this to the number of lifeboats.

Our Values

Tolerance is our focus. As part of a whole class we will discuss the meaning of the word, share examples of others showing tolerance around school and talk about its importance in the wider world.

How you can help?

- Continue to read **every night** with your children.
- Also encourage them to widen the range of books they read to include more non-fiction and poetry.
- **Make accurate spelling a focus.** Make up games e.g. how many words can they spell in two minutes?

Creative Carousel

The focus this half term is sewing. We will begin by looking at existing tapestries before practising different types of stitches. We will then design and make a class tapestry depicting the sinking of the Titanic.

Computing

We are games testers:

We will be learning about algorithms and what they are. We will then use this knowledge to write our own algorithms to make a Christmas themed game.