

Year 2 Autumn Half Term 2 Parent/Carer Leaflet

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 'change in materials' through twisting, bending, squashing and squeezing.

P.E

We will be developing the skills needed to play ball games, such as basketball and tennis. This will involve the children throwing, catching, aiming and bouncing. This will enable your child to work and cooperate in teams.

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 this, the children will write a letter from the snail to one of his friends on the rock. We will then move on to reading, performing and writing poetry based on the *Owl and the Pussy Cat* written by Edward Lear and the Christmas classic 'Twas The Night Before Christmas.'

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
- 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

Mathematics

- We will be moving on to learning the 5 times table
- Continuing to learn by heart our number bonds to 20 and 100
- Ten more and ten less
- Adding and subtracting multiples of ten
- Knowing the value of and recognising coins
- Recognising whether numbers are odd or even

Talk lessons

A focus for us this year is developing children's talk skills. Every Monday, your child will have a talk lesson, in which they will learn to be effective communicators.

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?
- **Talk** with your child to help develop key communication skills.

Creative Carousel

The focus this half term is on creating a land ship that will move through both water and sand. We will be designing, making and testing our own vehicles.

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.