



Our topic this half term is Land Ahoy
Have a look at our exciting, fun learning

Reading & Phonics

Reading will be based around our topic 'Land Ahoy' and will include a range of fiction and non-fiction books, these books link to our WOW Day trip.

Children will be working on phase 3-5 in phonics.

During phonic and reading lessons, children will be consolidating their blending to read skills and segmenting (break up) to spell skills.

Writing

Writing skills will continue to be taught in fun and exciting ways:

- We will be focusing on handwriting, making sure the children are following our school's three golden handwriting rules.
- We will use our Oracy skills every day to talk about our key texts, we will talk about what we want to write and then we will create marvellous pieces of writing.

Maths

Children will build on key concepts:

- 2D and 3D shapes
- Reading, writing and ordering numbers to from 1 -100.
- Counting forwards and backwards
- Addition
- Subtraction

Children will be taught a range of methods and will be encouraged to choose resources to find and explain and prove their answers.

Science

Our science topic for this half term builds on our knowledge of everyday materials. As part of our topic link we will:

- Identify and compare the suitability of different materials for specific uses.
- Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting, and stretching.
- Explore the properties of each material.

PE

We will be staying active and learning about how to keep fit this half term through weekly P.E sessions:

We will:

- Practise one- and two-point balances in gymnastics.
- Practise our throwing and catching skills to progress to a game of rounders.

Computing

Computing will be taught on a two-week cycle where children will have the opportunity to use computing devices such as laptops. Children will learn about:

- Understand what algorithms are.
- Explore a computer program.
- Create their own logo.

Children will continue to learn about internet safety across year 2.

RE

Our RE lessons this half term will be based on Hinduism. Our key question for the term will be - Who are Hindus and what do they believe?

Children will learn about:

- Key beliefs in Hinduism
- Talk about the Vedas
- The importance of Vedas
- Artefacts that belong to the Hindu faith
- The Hindu Temple

PSHE

This term's learning will continue to build on pupil's knowledge and understanding about themselves and people around them.

Children will learn about:

- Why they are special.
- Why people around them are special.
- Celebrating differences.

Respecting others despite our differences.

Swimming

Year 2 classes will have the opportunity to visit the swimming baths to develop the swimming skills they have learnt in year 1.

Topic - Land Ahoy

As part of a broad and balanced curriculum, pupils will learn key skills in relation to their new topic this term. This topic will begin with memorable experience - a visit to Cromford Canal to take part in a boat ride down the River Derwent! In Science, we will make models of boats, using different materials and test their suitability. In Geography, we will learn about the seven continents and seven seas through the seven-continent song. All key reading, writing and number skills will be consolidated through topic work.

Music

Children will have the opportunity to play and listen to a wide range of musical instruments. They will sing sea shanties and will experiment with pitch and tempo.

How you can help me at home

- Please enjoy a book with me every day.
- Take me to the library so that I can choose books to read. These may be linked to my topic.
- Ask me what learning I did at school today so I can describe and explain.
- Help me find pictures and objects to make and create things at home.
- Listen to and join in when I sing my school songs so that I can learn them really well.
- Talk about what it means to be a good learner and a good friend.
- Let me help you when we go shopping by writing a shopping list and counting items to put in our trolley or basket.
- Help me recognise coins by letting me count them.
- Talk about and describe the changes in weather to help me learn about different seasons.
- Read me a bedtime story.