



# What is my child learning this half term?

## Literacy

In Phonics, the children will continue to learn new sounds and learn to read longer words with more syllables – such as *haystack* and *charming*.

Our Punctuation and Grammar focus this half term is using past and present tense correctly.

Examples of this are:

I **walk** to school with my mum.

I **walked** to school with my mum.



Please try to help your children to talk about what they do and what they did, helping them to use the correct words.

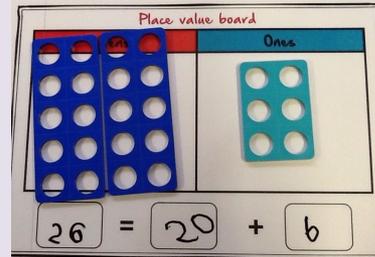
## Maths

We will be learning to recognise the value of each digit in a 2-digit number – for example, in the number **26** there are **2 tens** and **6 ones**.

We will be practising finding and placing 2-digit numbers on a number line, using our multiples of 10 to decide what comes before and after.

We will continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, learning the multiplication and division facts for these times tables.

At home, please could you practise counting forwards and backwards from 1-100, starting at different numbers.



## Science

This half term's focus will be **'Growing Up'**. The children will learn about the basic needs of humans for survival (food, water and air) as well as the need for warmth and shelter.

They will also start to learn about the human lifecycle. They will think about how they have changed since they were born – how they move, what they eat and how they look after themselves.

## Vocabulary

- baby
- toddler
- child
- teenager
- adult
- elderly
- alive
- living
- essential
- survival



Can you look at some photos with your child from when they were a baby. Do you have any photos of you as a baby, child or teenager?

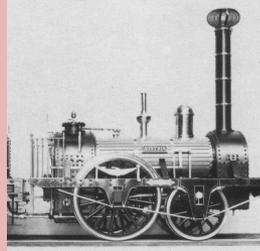
## **Computing**

This half term pupils will explore how music can make them think and feel. They will make patterns and use those patterns to make music with both percussion instruments and digital tools, including Garage Band. They will also create different rhythms and tunes, using the movement of animals for inspiration.



## **History**

The topic for this half term is **Travel and Transport**. The children will be learning about the history of a variety of vehicles and how the invention of these vehicles changed how we live. We will be looking at trains, cars, planes and space travel before looking at what vehicles of the future might be like.



We are hoping to take the children on a trip to the National Rail Museum in York this half term. The cost will be £5 per child and this will include travel to the museum. We will send a letter with more information at the beginning of the half term.

## **RE**

The children will be asked the question **'What is the good news Jesus brings?'** They will explore stories from the Bible and think about how they show 'good news' for different people as well as explaining how Jesus instructed people to behave. They will learn about the ways in which Christians follow the teachings studied about forgiveness and peace, and bringing good news to the friendless, and how they put these beliefs into action.



## **PE**

The children in Year 2 really enjoyed the work they did with Amber from Hunslet Club, learning and practising different stretches and skills such as handstands, cartwheels and forward rolls.



We will be continuing this topic with a new focus on **travelling** and **balancing**. The children will learn to move with **control**, to balance using different parts of the body and to **link movements** to create a performance.



## **PSHE**

The PSHE topic is **'Relationships'**.

The children will learn to understand and respect the differences and similarities between people and to know that boys and girls can do the same tasks and enjoy the same things. They will learn about the human life cycle from young to old and identify the key stages. They will learn that everyone needs to be cared for at different stages of the lifecycle and ways that they can care for others.



*Thank you for reading this information. We are really looking forward to introducing the children to all these new topics and we hope that they come home and tell you all about their learning – please do ask them questions each day to find out what subject they have been doing.*

*We really appreciate all your support, especially with their reading homework. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us or email us [year2@bsl.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:year2@bsl.leeds.sch.uk).*

*Thank you, Miss Holloway and Miss Chalders*