



## Year 2

# What is my child learning this half term?

### Literacy

In Phonics, the children will work hard to read the sounds they have learnt in new and longer words. In writing, they will focus on writing accurate sentences.

Our Punctuation and Grammar focus this half term is using apostrophes in shortened words, and commas in lists.

Examples of this are:

I **can't** wait to go to school.

At school I like PE, Music, Science and Maths.

Please keep listening to your child read every day. It's so important that they continue to practise words and sentences to help them become more fluent and confident readers.

### Maths

The children in Miss Holloway and Mrs Baraniak's group will be continuing to explore the inverse relationship between adding and subtracting within 10. They will also be learning about two-digit numbers, comparing and ordering numbers to 100, and exploring equivalence, for example discovering that different calculations can have the same value, such as  $5 + 2$  being equal to  $4 + 3$ .

$2 \times 1 = 2$	$10 \times 1 = 10$
$2 \times 2 = 4$	$10 \times 2 = 20$
$2 \times 3 = 6$	$10 \times 3 = 30$
$2 \times 4 = 8$	$10 \times 4 = 40$
$2 \times 5 = 10$	$10 \times 5 = 50$
$2 \times 6 = 12$	$10 \times 6 = 60$
$2 \times 7 = 14$	$10 \times 7 = 70$
$2 \times 8 = 16$	$10 \times 8 = 80$
$2 \times 9 = 18$	$10 \times 9 = 90$
$2 \times 10 = 20$	$10 \times 10 = 100$
$2 \times 11 = 22$	$10 \times 11 = 110$
$2 \times 12 = 24$	$10 \times 12 = 120$

In Miss Chalder's group the children will be learning to build sequences of multiples of 2,3,5 and 10. They will also learn about adding and subtracting one –digit numbers to and from a two- digit number for example  $27+4=31$  therefore  $31-4=27$ .

### Science

This half term's focus will be **'Take Care'**. The children will begin to learn about different ways to keep themselves healthy. They will learn how important it is to eat a range of food using the Eatwell Plate – a diagram that shows the different types and amounts of food we should eat to have a balanced and healthy diet. We will also learn about the importance of physical activity to strengthen bones and muscles, and of course daily hygiene activities such as handwashing and teeth brushing.

### Vocabulary

- healthy
- diet
- physical
- exercise
- pulse
- hygiene
- balance



**Can you help your child to identify the food they are eating? Talk to them each day about what they have eaten and what different types of exercise they have done**

## **Computing - Pictograms**

Pupils will learn what the term 'data' means and how data can be collected in the form of a tally chart. They will learn the term 'attribute' and use this to help them organise data. They will then progress onto presenting data in the form of pictograms and finally block diagrams. We will use the j2e pictogram tool on the iPads to support learning.

## **Design Technology**

Next half term in Design and Technology, Year 2 children will explore paper toys, learning how to design, make, and evaluate their own creations. They will develop skills such as cutting, folding, joining, and strengthening materials while thinking carefully about how their toy will move or function. This topic also encourages creativity, problem-solving, and resilience as children test ideas and improve their designs.



## **RE**

The children will 'dig deeper' into the Easter topic from Year 1 called '**Why does Easter matter to Christians?**' They will explore in more detail the story of Holy Week and Easter in the Bible and connect these stories to the idea of Salvation. They will have the opportunities to think of and ask questions about what can be learnt from these stories – such as the message of forgiveness – and they will suggest answers based on their own experiences.



## **PE**

The children in 2BH will be starting a **dance** topic called 'After Dark'. Using Michael Jackson's song 'Thriller', they will learn moves for the different sections of the song and put them all together for a performance.

The children in 2C will be outside for PE learning how to play **hockey**. They will learn how to use hockey sticks to dribble the ball, pass and receive and will get a chance to work as a team in small games.



## **PSHE**

The PSHE topic is '**Medicines and Me**'. The children will learn that the purpose of medicines is to help people to stay healthy, get well or feel better. We will learn about how we do not need to go to the doctor every time we are unwell and we will learn how to say when we feel a little unwell or very poorly. We will also learn how to stay safe around medicines at home.



*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, Mrs Baraniak and Miss Chalders*