



What is my child learning this half term?

Literacy

In Phonics, the children will revise sounds they have learnt so far and continue to learn new sound. We will be looking at a non-fiction text all about transportation as well as stories about journeys. Our Punctuation and Grammar focus this half term is expanded noun phrases for description.

Examples of this are:

“Look at the **blue** butterfly.”

Please can you pass me the **plain** flour.

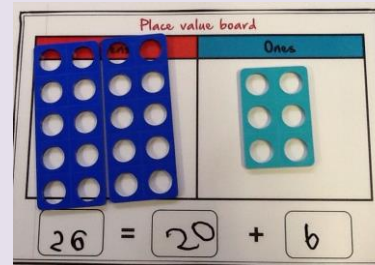


Please try to help your children to describe the things they see around them or in their books.

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.

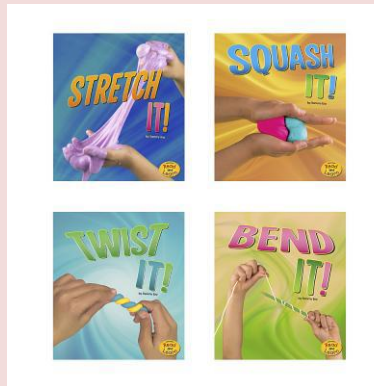


We will continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s, learning the multiplication and division facts for these times tables.

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 **‘Choosing Materials’**. In this module the children will be introduced to different ways of changing the shapes of objects made from different materials. They will identify materials that can be changed by the actions of squashing, bending, twisting and stretching, and link these actions with the properties of the materials that allow them to be changed.



Materials

- metal
- wood
- plastic
- glass
- rubber
- fabric
- paper
- rock

Properties

- flexible
- rigid
- stretchy
- squashy
- elastic
- stiff

Computing

This half term, the children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real. We will mostly be using the Camera app on the iPad for these activities.

History

The topic for this half term continues to be **Travel and Transport**, this time with a focus on our local area.

Did you know that a man called Matthew Murray and the Middleton Railway helped change the history of transport? The children will be learning how our local area played a big role in history and how the railway changed the lives of people both locally and globally.



PE (Physical Education)

The children in **2C** will be learning how to play **Handball**. They will be practising various ball skills, including throwing, catching and dodging, all with the aim of having greater accuracy when participating in ball games.

The children in **2H** will be doing **Gymnastics**. They will be learning how to move in a variety of ways safely and to balance using different body parts.



RE

The children will build on their learning from Year 1 as they dig deeper into the question '**Why does Christmas matter to Christians?**'. They will consider the visit made by the Wise Men and how their three gifts showed that Jesus was a King – even though he only looked like a baby. They will also explore the idea of 'giving', thinking about God's gift of Jesus to the world and how Christians try to give to others who are in need.



PSHE

The PSHE topic is '**Keeping Safe and Managing Risk**'. The children will be looking at potential hazards and dangers in the home. They will learn who to call in an emergency and learn about using the emergency number 999. They will also discuss how they can stay safe when they are playing outside and look at road safety and being safe on the pavement.



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. Thank you, Miss Holloway and Miss Chalders