



What is my child learning this half term?

Literacy

We will be using the story of '**The Snail and the Whale**' as a link to our Geography topic, taking the children on a journey around the world. The children will practise **writing letters** about their adventures.

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

In Miss Holloway and Mrs Baraniak's group the children will be continuing to build on their times tables skills. They will be focusing on writing adding and subtraction sentences and begin to explore two-digit numbers.

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

In Miss Chalder's group the children will be learning to add and subtract whole tens. For example, $3+2=5$ therefore $30+20=50$.

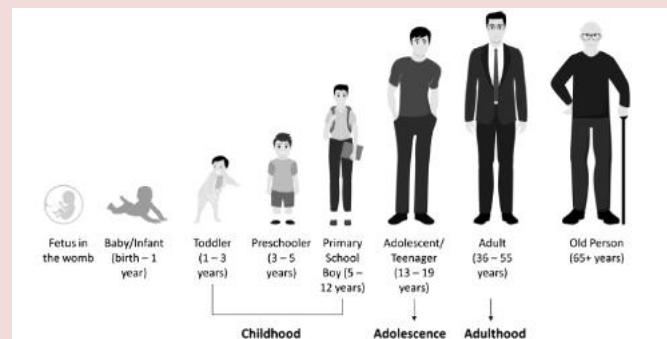
They will also be using this knowledge to help them when subtracting with odd and even numbers.

Please continue to practise the 2x tables at home with your child,

Science

This half term's focus will be '**Animals including Humans**'. The children will learn about the life cycles of a variety of animals. They will record and recognise the similarities and differences between different stages of the human life cycle. The children will also be able to identify the basic needs for survival for living things.

Vocabulary
Develop
Live-young
Offspring
Diet
Exercise
Hatchling
Oxygen
Adolescent
Teenager
Elderly



At home please could you chat to your child about how they have changed since they were a baby and what they can do now that they couldn't do when they were first born?

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.



Geography

This half term the children will be doing a Geography topic called **Around the World**. We will be going on a tour of the seven continents of the world, learning their names and the five oceans around them.

In each continent, we will explore some of the countries that can be found there, learning about their features, people and landmarks.



RE and Collective Worship

The children will be digging deeper into the question they explored in Year 1 - 'Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?' They will learn some stories about the Prophet Muhammad and give examples of how these stories show what Muslims believe. They will also use these stories to find out how Muslim beliefs guide their actions and prayer.



PE

The children in 2C 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 2BH 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.

Thank you, Miss Chalders, Miss Holloway and Mrs Baraniak