



What is my child learning this half term?

Literacy



Reading and Writing:

Each Literacy group will focus on shorter extracts from different texts this half-term, both fiction and non-fiction, to allow a greater depth of study and exposure to different text types. Children will focus on reading comprehension strategies, including re-reading to make sense of a passage, prediction and inference skills.

The children will be writing different narratives and fact-files based on our reading and our Geography topic: Contrasting Localities. There will continue to be a focus on secretarial skills, including improving cursive writing to improve legibility.

Punctuation and grammar objectives:

The children will be revising previous objectives as well as doing work on the active and passive voices.

Maths

This half term the children will continue to develop their understanding of number through the use of manipulatives, including Numicon and Number rods.

The children will also be using Times Table Rockstars to enhance their times table knowledge. Each lesson will have a focus on improving their understanding of mathematical vocabulary.

The children will also be covering the following topics: Fractions, decimals and percentages, long division and problem-solving, ratio and proportion and geometry (angles, 3D shapes, coordinates).

Key Vocabulary:

numerator, denominator, common denominator, simplify, simplest form



PSHE

Children will learn about growing up and changes during puberty. They will revisit the scientific names for their private areas and learn about conception of a baby.

A letter explaining this topic in more detail will be sent out to parents.

Computing

We will continue to consolidate our programming skills using the physical devices, such as robots. Pupils will bring together elements from all of their learning in programming; sequencing, repetition, selection and variables to use the sensors to make games and activities.

Geography

This half term pupils will learn about the difference between Human and Physical Geography. We will be studying three contrasting locations: Reeth, Paris and Medellin (in Columbia). The human and physical geographical features differ between these places which we will focus on.

Spanish

Year six will begin the half term by finishing their learning on sea animals. Later, they will be learning vocabulary on food, specifically breakfast -**El Desayuno**. They will be coming up with a list of popular foods eaten at breakfast and learn their names in Spanish. Later they will apply this knowledge to descriptions of breakfast menus.

P.E.

This half-term our topic is Handball. We will spend lessons working on our skills before building up to matches. The children will learn to pass the ball with accuracy, control and confidence then choose the skills that meet the needs of the situation.

R.E.

In RE this half term, we will be exploring some of the parables from the Bible and learn that most Christians believe that Jesus told some parables to share what the Kingdom of God is like and to invite people to join God's kingdom by letting God rule in their hearts. We will investigate the different ways that Christians may interpret these texts, exploring how believers put their beliefs into practice in a variety of ways, including through worship and service to the community.

Science

Pupils will be studying habitats as well as ways in which we classify living things. They will learn about different types of habitats and how and why different species live there. They will study 'keys' and classification diagrams to understand how living things are grouped and sorted.