



# What is my child learning this half term?

## Literacy

The children in Year 2 will be focusing their writing on the story 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. The children will learn how to write a letter, including typical features. We continue to focus on accurate sentence structure and handwriting.

Our Punctuation and Grammar focus this half term will be:

- Correct choice and consistent use of present and past tense, including progressive forms e.g I run, I ran, I am running.
- Commas in a list e.g rock, mountain, ocean
- Apostrophe for contraction e.g don't, didn't, I'm

Can you help your child to find examples of these in the reading you do with them at home?

## Maths

We will continue 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 using our knowledge of addition and subtraction facts within 10 to add or subtract whole tens  
e.g If I know  $2+3=5$ , then I know  $20+30=50$ .

If I know  $3-1=2$ , then I know  $30-10=20$ .

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 '**Living Things and Their Habitats**'. The children will learn to identify the difference between things that are living, things that are now dead and things that have never lived, such as rocks, metal and plastic. They will also learn about food chains and sources of food for different types of animals. In their work on habitats, the children will learn about the different places that animals live and how they survive.

Vocabulary  
living  
dead  
life processes  
food chain  
food source  
habitat  
depend  
survive

Examples of **habitats**:



woodland



urban



coastal



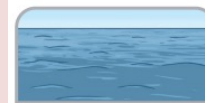
rainforest



arctic



desert



ocean



river



mountain

## Computing

This half term the pupils will be programming with a floor robot called Colby the mouse. We will be exploring directional language and introducing algorithms. You could practice these concepts using an App called BeeBot.



## PE

The PE topic this half term is 'Football.' The children will learn to successfully pass, catch and stop a ball. They will learn to move fluently, changing direction and speed – with and without a ball. They will begin to apply these skills in a range of activities. They will play team games, developing simple tactics for attacking and defending.



Can you practise throwing and catching a ball to each other? Can you kick a ball to each other and stop it with control?

## 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.



## 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.



## 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.



*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, Mrs Kerry and Mrs Cuthbert*