



What is my child learning this half term?

Literacy

The children in Year 2 will be focusing their writing on the story 'The Rainbow Bear' by Michael Morpurgo. The children will write their own stories, mimicking the structure of a familiar tale. They will also be reading a variety of poems, learning some off by heart and writing their own.

Our Punctuation and Grammar focus this half term is: commas in a list e.g. The rainbow is **red**, **yellow**, **orange**, **green**, **indigo** and **violet**.

Apostrophe for singular possession e.g Miss Holloway's cup.

Past and present tense e.g Miss Chalders was singing (past) Miss Chalders is singing (present).

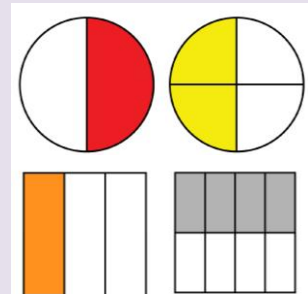
Can you help your child to find examples of these in the reading you do with them at home?

Maths

The children in Mrs Kerry's group will continue the work they have been doing on multiplication to find related division facts, for example, if $4 \times 5 = 20$, then $20 \div 5 = 4$. They will continue to consolidate their knowledge of adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers e.g. $25 + 17 = ?$
 $39 - 11 = ?$

Next half term the children in Miss Chalders group will be bridging through multiples of 10. For example when looking at the number sentence $8 + 5$. Pupils will learn to make 10 by using 2 from the 5 and adding the remaining 3.

Pupils will also begin to add and subtract 2 digit numbers. For example, $24 + 53$. Please can you continue to practise the 2x and 5x tables with your child at home.



Science

This half term's focus will be '**Healthy Plants**'. The children will learn that plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and to stay healthy and they will have the opportunity to carry out their own investigations into what plants need to grow well and how to care for plants as they grow. They will learn that 'germination' is when a seed soaks up water and the new plant bursts out of its shell and will be able to describe the life cycle of a plant.

Vocabulary

- bulb
- conditions
- healthy
- unhealthy
- mature
- light
- water
- temperature



Can you help your child to look out for plants that look healthy or unhealthy? What might have made a plant unhealthy?

Computing - Pictograms

This half term pupils will be programming with an app called ScratchJr. We will use programming blocks to create and modify programs. Try downloading the ScratchJr app for free and see what you can create.



Geography

In our last Geography topic, the children learnt about continents and oceans, becoming familiar with our world and learning a little about some different countries.

This half term we are staying in the UK! We will be doing a topic called **Beside the Seaside**. The children will learn about the features of our nearest seasides and explore how they have changed over the years.



RE

Our question this half term is **'How should we care for the world and for others, and why does it matter?'**

The children will consider how we are all unique and special, and how we should treat each other as we would like to be treated. They will look at why we care, how we can show people we care and how we can care for our world, using stories from the Bible and stories about well-known Christians as examples.



PE

The children in 2C will be starting a **football** topic. 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.



The children in 2H will be learning skills for **Athletics**. The children will learn to develop coordination and balance while exploring different techniques for running, jumping and throwing.



PSHE

The PSHE topic asks the question **'What keeps me healthy?'**

The children will learn the importance of eating and sleeping well and will think about people whose job it is to help us stay clean and hygienic (for example, a dentist). They will also learn some new ways of doing physical exercise every day.



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 and Miss Holloway