

PHEASEY PARK FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL AND EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Curriculum Information

Year 2 Autumn Term 2 2025

Subject	What are we learning?	How you can help at home
English	In English, this half term we are studying non-chronological reports and recounts. We will be studying the fiction text 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. Children will be using the text as a stimulus for writing a non-chronological report, postcard, and an informal letter. We will continue to develop an understanding of Year 2 writing skills focusing on coordinating and subordinating conjunctions, time conjunctions, different sentence types and punctuation. Reading books will be changed each week.	<u>Reading</u> Please hear your child read at home at least five times a week. Ask questions which encourage your child to draw inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts, emotions and actions. Please help your child to read every night and record on the GoRead App. Bedtime reading advice available at www.theschoolrun.com <u>Spelling</u> Please help your child practise their spellings several times a week. Regular practise at home makes such a difference. <u>Online Learning</u> Please encourage your child to explore Oxford Reading Buddy and Purple Mash throughout the week too. Spelling tests will take place on a Thursday.
Phonics	The children who did not pass the Phonic Screening Check in Year 1 will continue with daily Phonics lessons. Children will be working on Phase 4, 5 and 6 which will involve recapping the phonemes including digraphs and trigraphs. Children will be using the phonemes to write sentences and will be learning how to form graphemes correctly. Phonics lessons involve segmenting and blending sounds and children will be issued with reading books containing the phonemes they are confident with. The children who did pass the Phonics Screening check in Year 1 will have more focus on grammar and punctuation. Children will complete a Phonics assessment during the half term.	Please hear your child read at home at least five times a week. The books that your child will be issued with are books containing the phonemes that he/she is confident with. Provide opportunities at home for your child to write e.g. writing Christmas cards, recounts of places they have been and setting descriptions based on the book they are reading.



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Maths	In Mastery Maths, children will represent, explain, and then apply calculations strategies for the addition and subtraction of multiples of ten from a two-digit number. Children will be introduced to multiplication of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will explore commutativity, doubling and halving using pictorial representations and manipulatives. Children will be having daily Mastering Number lessons in addition to their Maths lessons. These are short, practical lessons which cover key number knowledge. We will also be having arithmetic lessons focusing on number facts, addition and subtraction.	Please encourage your child to practise their times tables using TTRockstars. This will help prepare them for their weekly Superheroes challenge in school. Please also work on telling the time to the hour, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour. If possible, practise buying items in a shop using a range of different coins. Also practise giving change. <u>Online Learning</u> Your child can explore TopMarks, Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots on the links below: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://play.ttrockstars.com/ https://play.numbots.com/?#/game/game-mode
Science	In Science this half term, we will be learning about the uses of everyday materials. We will be learning about the physical properties of materials and how its properties make it suitable for uses. We will be investigating how some materials can be manipulated in different ways such as bending, squashing, twisting and stretching.	You and your child could carry out an investigation into what happens to bread when you heat it (becomes toast) and what happens once it has been heated then left to cool for a while. You could also discuss what a range of everyday objects are made from and why these materials are used e.g. they are strong/flexible/waterproof.
History	We will be exploring and describing how the town of Whitby has changed over time due to geographical processes, such as erosion, or human activity, such as housebuilding. We will also be describing aspects of everyday life from the past, such as houses, jobs, shops, objects, transport and entertainment, and how they may be similar or different to those used and enjoyed by people today.	You could look online for a map of the local area from the past and the present. Talk to your child about the changes that they notice between the human and physical features between the two maps, that highlight how the local area has changed over time.
Geography	We will be focussing on our locational knowledge by exploring on a world map the world's seven continents and five oceans. We will then be looking in more detail at the United Kingdom, particularly the seaside town of Whitby. We will identify	Whilst out in the environment, explore the human and physical features that you see. Discuss what makes them human or physical. Practise the compass directions by directing the children from one place to another.



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	human and physical features, use simple compass directions and work on our map skills identifying symbols and using keys.	
Art & Design	In Art, our topic is called 'Mix It', and children will be identifying and mixing secondary colours. They will describe similarities and differences between artwork on a common theme. Pupils will analyse and evaluate their own and others' work using artistic vocabulary.	You can help your child at home by exploring colour mixing with primary and secondary colours.
Design Technology	Not taught this half term.	
Computing	In Computing this half term, we will be looking at spreadsheets on Purple Mash. This unit will involve navigating spreadsheets, using tools in a spreadsheet and collecting data. The final project will involve collecting data, creating a table of data on a spreadsheet and using the data to create a block graph.	You can help your child by giving them opportunities to practise logging onto school sites such as Purple Mash and Education City. This will really benefit them in their Computing lessons. Purple Mash has a range of activities linked to our Computing topic which you can explore with your child at home.
PE	During Indoor PE slots, the children will focus on Gymnastics and will be exploring different rolls and balances. During Outdoor Games, the children will engage in orienteering activities. They will move over, under and through spaces and obstacles. PE Days: Monday and Friday	Please make sure your child has full P.E kit in school for the whole half term. Please make sure all items are clearly named. Please remind your child to place all items into their PE bags not on the desk or the floor. • Jewellery is not allowed. • Long hair should be tied back. For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed.
Swimming	Children will further develop stroke technique. Kickboards will be used to improve leg actions. Children will swim more lengths of the pool to improve stamina and technique. Underwater swimming, sculling, push and glides will all be	Please remember all children will need a named swimming costume/trunks, swimming hat and towel please. Please make sure all these items are clearly labelled. Please remind your child to place all items into their swimming bags not on the bench or the floor. NO goggles are allowed.



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	improved. A game of mini water polo will be played before the Christmas holiday. Swimming Day: Thursday	
RE	Our topic for this half term is 'A World of Festivals: Who celebrates what and why?' We will be learning about the religious festivals of Christmas (Christianity), Eid-UL-Adha (Islam) and Diwali (Sikh). We will explore the meaning of each festival, the stories of the festival's origin, the symbols of each festival and what values are celebrated.	Encourage your child to talk about a range of different festivals. Discuss the festivals you celebrate at home as well as festivals that you may see being celebrated in the wider community. Discuss why Christians give presents at Christmas and how it makes them feel.
PSHE	This half term we will continue with our topic, 'Keeping Healthy.' Children will learn that food is needed for bodily health, growth and will be able to identify what types of food are positive choices. Children will also cover a topic called, 'Relationships.' They will explore bullying and use of body language.	Discuss the importance of healthy eating and brushing their teeth. Please discuss with your child bullying and informing a trusted adult when they have been bullied.
Music	In music this half term, the children will continue to learn how to play the glockenspiel. They will use their knowledge of a stave and clef to help them identify the notes to play. They will continue to play along to a backing track, begin to read musical notation and work collaboratively to compose a brief tune.	To help your child, you can try keeping in time with the music by tapping along to a beat and singing along to familiar songs or rhymes. Discuss with your child some musical terminology such as stave and clef.
German	This half term the children will continue to develop their knowledge about Germany by looking at the food and landmarks. The children will start to explore instructions that would be used in a classroom by listening to them first, then completing them and using them in conversations. The children will explore words in German to describe Christmas.	Practise using German words and phrases at home. Discuss with the children how life in Germany is different to life in England. You could also ask your child to explain how a German Christmas is different to an English Christmas.



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	They will explore how to celebrate Christmas in Germany learning more vocabulary to support their knowledge.	
Visits and Visitors	18/12/25 Christmas Party There may be a very special visitor for our party!	
Curriculum Days/ Special Events	11/12/24 Curriculum Day will be based on our 'Coastlines' topic. Children will design and make a model of a coastal town. w/c 10/11/25 - Anti-Bullying Week 14.11.25 - Children In Need Day 05/12/25 - Christmas Fayre 17/12/25 - Wear A Christmas Item Day 17/12/25 - Christmas Dinner Day 18/12/25 - Christmas Party	Please share and discuss the following special days at home. Discuss how these different events are celebrated and what people in our local community might do to celebrate. This links nicely to our 'A World of Festivals: who celebrates what and why?' topic in RE.