

Curriculum Information

Year 2 Autumn Term 1 2023

What are we learning?	How you can help at home
In English this half term we	Reading
are looking at the book 'The	Please hear your child read at home at least five times a week. Ask questions which encourage your child to draw
Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'	inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts, emotions and actions. Please help your child to read every night
and a range of poetry. We	and record on the GoRead App.
<u> </u>	Bedtime reading advice available at www.theschoolrun.com
instructions, character	Spellings
descriptions, story retells	Please help your child practise their spellings several times a week. Regular practise at home makes such a
and poetry. We are	difference. These will be assessed every Tuesday.
	Online Learning
	Please encourage your child to explore Oxford Reading Buddy, Purple Mash and Education City throughout the week
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changed each week.	
The children who did not	Please hear your child read at home at least five times a week. The books that your child will be issued with are
pass the Phonic Screening	books containing the phonemes that he/she is confident with.
Check in Y1 will continue	Children will have weekly Phonics/English homework. Please help your child to complete this.
with daily Phonics lessons.	Provide opportunities at home for your child to write e.g. writing a shopping list, birthday cards and recounts of
•	places they have been.
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involve recapping the	
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	In English this half term we are looking at the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and a range of poetry. We are focussing on instructions, character descriptions, story retells and poetry. We are consolidating our phonics knowledge, use of capital letters and full stops and are learning how to use a range of sentence starters and adjectives to support our writing. Reading books will be changed each week. The children who did not pass the Phonic Screening



	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 Y1 will continue	
	with Phonics lessons but will	
	also have more focus on	
	grammar and punctuation.	
Maths	This half term we will be	Please encourage your child to practise their times tables using TTRockstars. This will help prepare them for their
	looking at number and place	weekly Superheroes challenge in school.
	value, addition, subtraction,	Please encourage your child to frequently access the Numbots app to develop efficient mental calculation
	multiplication, division and	strategies for addition and subtraction.
	fractions. We will be	It would be helpful if you could work on number recognition with numbers up to 100 and number formation. You can
	partitioning numbers into	also help your child by trying to write numbers as words and vice versa.
	tens and ones both	Online Learning
	practically and pictorially.	Your child can explore MyMaths, TopMarks, Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots on the links below:
	We will then be using this	https://www.mymaths.co.uk/
	knowledge to help support	https://www.topmarks.co.uk/
	our addition and subtraction	https://play.ttrockstars.com/
	of 2-digit numbers with	https://play.numbots.com/?#/game/game-mode
	another number. We will	
	also look at multiplication	
	and division practically and	
	pictorially. When learning	
	about fractions, we will be	
	finding fractions of shapes	



	as well as using the sharing method to find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of numbers.	
Science	In our Science lessons we will be learning about the basic needs of humans for survival, including the importance of exercise, nutrition and good hygiene. Children will also learn how human offspring grow and change over time into adulthood.	Whilst preparing evening meals, discuss with your child the importance of healthy eating and encourage them to talk about which of the five food groups are part of the meal. Encourage your child to engage in physical activity rather than having lots of screen time.
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	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.



Art & Design	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, in particular the seaside town of Whitby. We will identify human and physical features, use simple compass directions and work on our map skills identifying symbols and using keys. This half term, our Art and Design topic is called 'Flower Head'. This project teaches children about the visual elements of flowers, including shape, texture, colour, pattern and form. We will also explore various artistic methods, including drawing, printmaking and 3- D forms, using paper and	While out for a walk in the local area, you and your child could observe the flowers that you see. Engage in discussion about the shape, texture, colour and patterns of the flowers. You could take a plain pad of paper with you for your child to make a sketch of the flower, or you could bring a flower home to complete this activity.
Design	clay. In our Design and	You could encourage your child to take part in craft sessions at home. They could design and make a house for one
Technology	Technology topic 'Beach Hut', children will be learning about making and strengthening structures, including different ways of joining materials.	of their toys using different materials, taking into consideration different ways of joining them together.



PE	In Computing this half term, we are focussing on using technology safely and respectfully and how it is important to tell a trusted adult about any concerns or worries they have. We will also discuss the importance of keeping our personal information private including passwords for school sites such as Purple Mash and Education City. During their Indoor PE slots, the children will focus on Contemporary Dance. This will be delivered by Sports Plus. During Outdoor Games, the children will focus on throwing and catching and inventing their own games using equipment.	Practise logging on to the computer using their school log in. Also, practise logging onto school sites such as Purple Mash and Education City. This will really benefit the children when completing their computing lessons. 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. Jewellery is not allowed. Long hair should be tied back. For safety reasons, NO earrings are allowed.
	PE Days: Monday and Friday	
Swimming	Rules and safety procedures will take place during the first week back to swimming, as will a short assessment of swimming ability, this allows children to be placed into the correct ability lane group.	Please remember all children will need a swimming costume/trunks, swimming hat and towel please. Please make sure all these items are clearly labelled. NO goggles are allowed.



	Strokes will continue to be	
	developed, water skills will	
	also be improved these	
	include floating and	
	headfirst sculling.	
	Swimming Day: Thursday	
RE	Our topic for this half term	You could support your child in finding other examples of Muslim stories on the internet and discussing what the
	is 'Beginning to learn from	moral of the stories are.
	Islam' (Part 1). We will be	
	learning about different	
	Muslim beliefs and the	
	Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).	
	We will also be exploring	
	Muslim stories, discussing	
	the morals of them and	
	considering how they	
	influence Muslims' ideas of	
	right and wrong.	
PSHE	This half term our topic is	Please discuss different emotions, how these make us feel and ways that we can deal with them.
	called 'New Beginnings'. We	On https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize there are some lovely videos which discuss different emotions and how to deal
	will discuss how we can	with them, which you could watch with your child.
	make a safe and fair	
	learning environment for all	
	in our class. We will then	
	look at how we are similar	
	and different, our	
	strengths and explore a	
	range of different emotions	
	including feeling scared or	
	sad. We will explore these	
	areas through a range of	



	age-appropriate stories,	
	videos and discussions.	
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Music	In Music this half term the	To help your child you can try keeping in time with the music by tapping along to a beat and singing along to familiar
	children will start learning	songs or rhymes.
	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 play along to a	
	backing track, keeping in	
	time with the music and	
	playing the correct notes.	
	As the term progresses the	
	children will also sing along	
	to the music keeping	
	together as a group.	
German	This half term the children	Ask your child about the words they have been learning in German and try to practise using them at home. Also,
	will complete an	discuss the German flag and the colours that appear on it.
	introduction to German.	
	They will explore and	
	practise saying greetings in	
	German and learn about	
	other languages that may be	
	spoken in their class.	
	Children will sing songs and	
	participate in partner	
	discussions using the	
	phrases they have been	
	taught. They will explore	
	the capital city of Germany,	
	its flag and traditional	
	clothes.	



Visits and Visitors	Animal Man - Wednesday 20 th September 2023	Talk to your child about different animals, including their characteristics, where they live and what they eat.
Curriculum Days	Friday 15 th September - Seaside Day Seaside Day will be a curriculum day to introduce our new topic - 'Coastlines'. Thursday 26 th October - Curriculum Day Curriculum Day will be linked to our Art topic - 'Flower Head'. Where children will create their own artwork based on the artists' work that they have learned about.	Ask your child about their model, for example, what physical features did you include? What human features did you include? Would you like to live in this coastal town? Why?