



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely half term and enjoyed the lovely weather. I can't believe it's the final half term already!
Please find information about what we will be covering in the different curriculum areas this half term.

Maths

Year 1

Numbers to 100 –

We will be counting to 100 forwards and backwards from any given number. We will explore number patterns, comparing and ordering numbers. We will represent numbers using objects and pictorial representations including the number line. We will practise partitioning numbers into tens and ones, recognising the value of each digit in a two-digit number. We will also revise our number bonds to 10 and 20 and use these to derive related facts to 100.

The children will also be introduced to **Weight and volume, length and height, halves and quarters and position and direction**

Year 2

Addition and Subtraction –

We will be revising different strategies to help solve addition and subtraction questions and learning to use jottings rather than concrete resources to solve our calculations. We will be looking again at the word 'difference' and consolidating our understanding of difference meaning subtraction. We will also be looking at word problems and further our understanding of which key words indicate whether it is an addition or subtraction problem.

Multiplication and division –

We will be revising multiplication and division, looking at how they are inverse operations. We will look at repeated addition sentences, seeing how they link to multiplication. We will also use arrays to write multiplication and division sentences. We will also have another look at how division can involve grouping or sharing.

We will also be introducing the children to **Fractions and Measurement**

Throughout the maths curriculum the children will be using different models and representations. They will be using practical objects to support the deepening of their understanding and we will be working on their ability to solve problems and apply reasoning strategies, they will be working on answering 'why' or 'how' an answer was reached.



English

Fiction

We will begin this half term by looking at the book 'The Secret of Black Rock' by Joe Todd-Stanton. This will link to our topic work. We will be learning to:

- Make predictions about the story, using the conjunctions and (Y1), but/because (Y2)
- Describe characters
- Use exciting vocabulary and different sentence openers
- Write our own version of a narrative from the point of view of the character in a story

Non-fiction

Linking to our topic work learning about Whitby we will be looking at information texts. We will explore the different features and create our own information texts using facts we have researched in class.

Children will continue to develop their reading and comprehension skills through weekly guided reading sessions with Mrs Brooke and through individual reading with Mrs Hall.

We will continue with our dedicated handwriting sessions using our new resource Letterjoin, getting children ready to join their letters by starting letters on the line. All children are being encouraged to use the lead ins and lead outs when writing and will be encouraged to join their writing when they are ready to do so.

Children will continue to join their year group for Phonics teaching.



RE

Our Year 1 topic for this term is 'Miracles'

We will:

- know that Jesus showed his great power when he calmed the wind and the waves and know that we can ask Jesus to help us when we are afraid
- explore the motives for actions and how compassion motivates many people to act for the good of others
- know that Jesus showed his love for sick people when he cured a man who was paralysed
- understand that Jesus has great love for all people who are sick today
- know that Jesus responded to the faith of the blind man with compassion and think of ways that we can trust Jesus in situations of need
- hear how Jesus performed his first miracle at the request of his Mother
- think about Jesus helping the guests at the wedding at Cana.

RE

Our Year 2 topic for this term is 'The Birth of the Church'

We will:

- know how the Holy Spirit helped the Apostles
- know that we can help spread the good news
- know about the first Christians
- think of ways we can be like them
- know that the apostles realised that God could work through them
- know how Jesus was able to help Peter and John
- be aware that we can trust Jesus to help us
- recall that the Holy Spirit was able to help the Apostles
- be aware that the Holy Spirit helps us
- know about Peter's escape from prison
- reflect on what we can learn from it

Curriculum – Coastline

PE – PE this half term will be on a Thursday – we will be learning basic striking and fielding skills with Mr Gibson
Geography – linking to our topic on Coastline we will be learning to describe the size, location and position of a physical feature – focusing on Saltwick Nab in Whitby. We will learn about Saltwick Nab and why it is so dangerous. We will also look at how locations can change over time. We will learn about erosion, the effect this can have on the coastline and how it can be prevented. We will also look at why tourism is an important industry in Whitby.

History – we will learn about Captain Cook, why he is a significant person and his link to Whitby.

Science (Biology) – Plants – Mrs Robinson

Our Science unit for this half term is all about plants. We will be planting some different seeds and will watch how they grow into plants. We will be investigating the conditions needed for plants need to grow well. If you are out and about encourage your child to look at the different plants and trees that they can see. Can they spot the flowers and any fruits on the plants?

IT – we will be using the iPads and Chromebooks to research information on Whitby and Captain Cook to support our English and Topic lessons.

Art & DT – we will continue our work on colour: looking at how different artists used colour in their work, learning to mix colours, shades and tints.

Music – we will be listening to some classical music as well as some favourite pieces of music from the past year. We will be working together to perform some pieces of music.

Further information:

Mrs Robinson will be teaching the class every Tuesday.

PE lessons will be on a Thursday.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Mrs Brooke, Mrs Hall and Mrs Robinson.