




Y2 Spring 1 Half Termly Overview for Parents and Carers

Ready. Respectful. Safe.



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home.

	At School	At Home
English	<p>This half term in English children will be learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To write a poem ◆ To write a set of instructions ◆ To write a character description ◆ To apply our knowledge of grammar and phonics when writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Listen to and support your child to read their school reading practise book at least four times a week, even better if reading is done daily! ◆ Encourage and support your child to enjoy their reading for pleasure book which they are able to borrow weekly from the school library. ◆ Read to your child, modelling what good reading sounds like.
Maths	<p>In maths children will be learning to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently and derive and use related facts up to 100 ◆ Add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations and mentally ◆ Show that addition of 2 numbers can be done in any order and subtraction of 1 number from another cannot ◆ Solve problems with addition and subtraction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Encourage and support your child to use the Numbots and White Rose 1 Minute Maths apps ◆ Practise fact fluency with your child. Our weekly focus will be posted on Dojo 
Music	<p>Our topic this half term is 'I wanna play in a band'. During this topic children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Listen to and appraise classic Rock songs ◆ Sing, play, improvise and compose with the song—'I wanna play in a band' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Can your child sing the song to you? ◆ Listen to Rock music together and practise finding the pulse ◆ When listening to music, discuss what you like or dislike about it and why
Geography	<p>Our investigation question for this term is: Where did Captain Cook come from and where did he go to? During the topic we will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To locate and name the seven continents and five oceans of the world ◆ About the human and physical features of Great Ayton and Botany Bay ◆ To compare Great Ayton and Botany Bay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Identify and discuss human and physical features when you are out and about.
Art	<p>Our Art topic for this half term is: Indigenous Art; Pintupi Style. During this topic we will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ About the artist George Ward Tjungurrayi ◆ Draw accurately from a secondary source image ◆ To produce a painting using the indigenous Pintupi style using a mix of primary and secondary colours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Visit MIMA or look at examples of famous artwork online.

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P.S.H.E.	<p>Our PSHE topic this half term is 'Dreams and Goals' during which we will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To set realistic goals and think about how to achieve them ◆ To carry on trying even when we find something difficult ◆ To recognise who we work well with and who we find it more difficult to work with ◆ To work well in a group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Set some new year's resolutions together ◆ Encourage your child to be resilient ◆ If you would like access to the PSHE lessons for this half term in more detail, please contact us and we can provide you with an access code.
P.E.	<p>In P.E., pupils will be focusing on dance and gymnastics. Children will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To demonstrate agility, balance and coordination ◆ To follow simple movement patterns at different levels ◆ The importance of changes of level and direction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise. 
R.E.	<p>This half term we will begin to explore the question 'How and why do we celebrate special times?'. Children will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Festivals in Christianity including Christmas, Easter and Pentecost ◆ The significance of Jewish rituals and practices during different festivals ◆ How Muslims celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr ◆ Compare the importance of the symbol of light within different festivals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Discuss what festivals you celebrate as a family. ◆ Discuss how different people believe different things and that all beliefs should be respected.
Computing	<p>Our computing topic this half term is – 'Information technology around us.' Children will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Develop their understanding of what information technology (IT) is and will begin to identify examples ◆ discuss where they have seen IT in school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries ◆ investigate how IT improves our world, and they will learn about the im- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Identify what IT you have at home and discuss how to use it responsibly
Useful Websites	<p>play.numbots.com</p> <p>www.purplemash.com</p> <p>Google Y2 BBC Bitesize for English, Maths, Science, GPS and much more</p> <p>White Rose 1 Minute Maths app</p>	