

Summer 2 Newsletter

Living Things

Dear Parents,

Unbelievably, the final half term of the year is upon us already. Please find enclosed information about this half term's learning.

In a few weeks time, children will be taking part in the whole school assessment process. We will be using SAT's material alongside teacher assessment to outline your child's attainment. These assessments will inform internal data only.

In maths this half term we will learn how to tell the time in 15-minute intervals and begin to recognise how to tell in time counting in 5's. Later, we will use tally charts, bar charts and pictograms, interpret the information given and create our own and finally use position and direction to describe movement and turns. We will also be recapping and revisiting some of the topics from earlier in the year, in particular the topics of multiplication and fractions. The children will calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals (=) signs. They need to be able to recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. They also need to be able to write simple fractions; for example, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 and to recognise the equivalence of $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$. There are some useful videos here:

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/z3rbg82>.

In English this half term, we will be basing our writing around stories with a moral focus, using 'The Bog Baby' which links beautifully with animals and their habitats, to show how all living things are dependant on their environment for survival. This unit encourages children to use their knowledge about minibeasts – perhaps some that captured their imagination at Harlow Carr and describe them choosing words to create a positive response and respect for living things. We will also be writing an adventure narrative using 'The Dragon Machine' as a text stimulus. Children will be expected to continue to show Year 2 objectives within many written pieces including their own narrative. Below is a list of features we will cover.

- Use subordination (if, that)
- Add -er and -est to adjectives
- Use homophones and near homophones
- Use punctuation correctly – apostrophes for contracted forms
- **Use present and past tenses correctly and consistently including the p**
- **Use subordination (using when, if, that, or because) and co-ordinatio**
- **Use expanded noun phrases to describe and specify**
- **Add suffixes to spell longer words e.g -ment,- ful**
- Use phrases from story language
- Create and describe characters
- Create and describe settings
- Sequence of events
- Section story into beginning, middle and end
- Use 3rd person consistently
- Use tenses appropriately

Spelling steps will be steps 32-36.

In geography and history the children will continue to study the local area of Adel. They will use fieldwork and secondary sources such as photographs and plan perspectives to



recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features; they will use and construct basic symbols in a key. Children will identify how Adel has changed throughout the years, with a particular focus on how schools have changed, and what has remained the same.

In science we will be looking at life cycles; identifying animal young and comparing them to their adults. Children will look at how animals change as they grow up and be introduced to the life cycles of several varied common animals, including humans. We will revisit the three basic needs of animals for survival (water, food and air). They will apply this knowledge, alongside research from secondary sources, to suggest ways to look after pets and providing suitable habitats.

In PE, we are practising our skipping skills ready for the competition on 10th June then we will be developing skills in netball and athletics .

In DT, children will be exploring, designing and making a glove puppet. They will explore, design, make and evaluate their product and decide the best way to attach the different materials they choose to use.

Mrs Outram will be teaching music, Spanish and RE and PSHE. This half term the SRE unit will be taught, looking at boys, girls and families. Children will also learn about sun safety.

Year 2 have continued to engage competitively on Spelling Shed and Mathletics. We always have many children in the top 10 in the school league. This is a super achievement and shows the commitment Year 2 show towards their home learning.

Thank you,

Miss Saxton

Dates for diaries:

Wednesday 10th June: Year 2 Skipping Festival

Sports Day – Tuesday 16th June, 2pm

Local Walk around Adel: DTBC

Picnic and Music festival – Friday 3rd July, 10.30-12.30