

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Highlights

This half-term has flown by and it is only right that I share some of our best, most loved moments!

English

In English, we have enjoyed reading *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. We have used the story to write a letter explaining what happened to poor Mr Grinling's sumptuous lunch! We have included lots of fantastic SPaG skills including: fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, adverbs and questions.

Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and all the properties they have including: sides, vertices, faces and edges.

We have also enjoyed learning about money and how to make amounts of money in different ways.

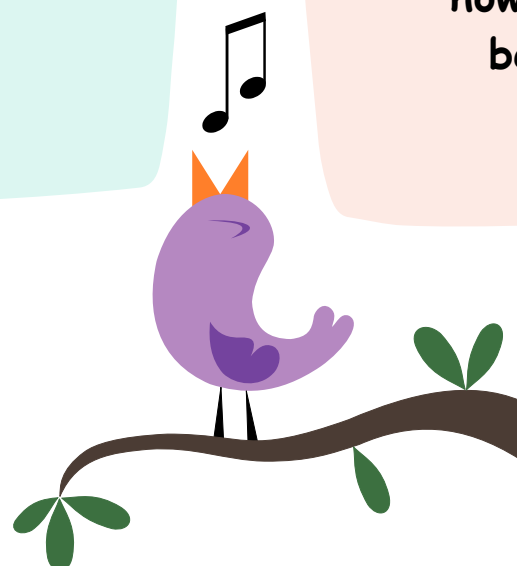
We have continued developing our arithmetic skills and have become much more confident with adding and subtracting across 10!

Reading

In Reading, we have enjoyed a range of texts including: *Amazing Antarctica*, *The Bear who came to Babysit*, *Knights and Dragons Unite!* and many more. We have looked in depth at the vocabulary used in the texts and why they have been used. We have embedded our retrieval and sequencing skills and have begun to look at how to answer inference questions by searching for clues in the text.

Science

In Science, we have been looking at everyday materials. We have learnt all about the properties and suitability of materials. We found it great fun to identify unsuitable materials for objects and loved the poem 'A Woolly Saucepan'. We then took part in a 'Changing Materials' experiment and looked at how we could or could not twist, stretch, bend and squash a range of different materials.



NEXT HALF-TERM...

In Maths, we are going to be developing our arithmetic skills even further by delving into the world of multiplication and division! We are also going to begin our unit on 'Length and Height' and explore measuring in centimetres and meters.

In English, we are going to be reading the story of *Flat Stanley*. We will then use this text to write a diary entry. We will learn all about how to write in the first person and share inner emotions and feelings. We will develop our SPaG skills by continuing to use commas, apostrophes, questions, adjectives and adverbs within a different writing genre.

In Reading, our first fluency text is *Cycling Through Summer*. We will start by discussing the tricky vocabulary and the meaning of it. We will then continue developing our fluency skills with lots of opportunity to read aloud and echo read. After immersing ourselves in the text we will develop our retrieval, inference and sequencing skills.

Our next unit in Science is 'Animals including Humans'. We will be learning all about different animals and their offspring and how animals change as they grow. We will then look at the basic needs for animals and humans to be able to survive and what this looks like in terms of nutrition.

In Geography, we are going to be comparing and contrasting localities. We will learn how to recognise our surrounding local areas on a map, as well as the human and physical features within in these areas. We will then be able to discuss the similarities and differences between these areas and how they have changed over time.

In RE, we are going to be delving even deeper into the religion of Islam. We will start by re-capping all of our prior learning on the key Islamic beliefs before moving on to comparing and contrasting this to different religions including Christianity and Hinduism.

In PSHE, our next unit is 'Healthy Me' and we are going to be learning a about how to be and keep healthy through a balanced diet and exercise. We will also look into medicines and what can help us when we feel poorly.

Our next units in PE are 'Team Building' and 'Invasion Games'. We are going to develop our team work skills by working on communication and trust. Through our invasion games we are going to learn the meaning of possession, defence and attack.

As always, thank you for your continued support this half-term.

In the next half-term we will be undertaking another round of practice SATs.

I am also excited to announce that in our Reading lessons we will be using our new Little Wandle fluency books. These chapter books will not be sent home but will be read every day at school. Your children will bring a book home from the KS1 Library.

Just a reminder, if you do have any questions about anything please email me at apeters@humberestuaryfederation.co.uk

Have a wonderful half-term. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

In D.T we are going to be learning about mechanisms. We will be exploring how wheels and axles work and the range of machines and devices we may find them in. We will then use this knowledge to design, make and evaluate our very own product made for a specific consumer.

In Computing, we will learn how to create and debug simple programs. We will also be looking at how to use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs.