



Howden le Wear Primary School
Year 2 Curriculum – Summer 1 2019
Mrs Gray



Literacy

During this term, we will begin by recapping how to write sentences and continue to learn about the use of different sentence types and how to use them correctly within our writing (commands, exclamations, questions and statements). We will also look at adverbs in order to improve our descriptive writing. Alongside this, our writing will be informed by the book 'One plastic bag,' written by Miranda Paul - the inspiring true story of how one African woman began a movement to recycle the plastic bags that were polluting her community. From this story, we hope to write recounts, instructions, fact files, book reviews and stories, as well as write in role.

We will be continuing with daily handwriting and spelling lessons. The Year 2 spelling rules are crucial in supporting children's ability to be able to spell more complex words, as they progress through the school.

If parents would like to be more involved in their child's learning, it would be beneficial to your child to read with them each day, question them about the book, and allow them to complete Lexia online independently. If parents would also like to be involved in spellings, I will continue to send home our weekly spelling rule with fun games. You can use these with your child to help build their confidence and understanding of the new spelling rules taught each week.

Numeracy

In line with the National Curriculum, this term we will be learning about: money, solving division and multiplication problems, recognising and using language relating to dates, including days of the week, weeks, months and years. This will occur alongside consolidation of addition and subtraction and other concepts learnt across the term.

Parents can help with their children's numeracy by encouraging them to solve problems using multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Encouraging your child to complete numeracy homework will also help with their confidence in maths.

For other Foundation Subjects, children in Year 2 will study the following topics:

History



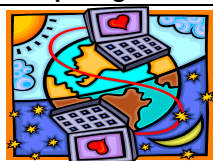
During this term, we will be learning about a significant individual called Florence Nightingale. We will look at who she was, talk about why she is considered to be a significant individual and compare our lives to hers.

Science



Our topic this term is plants. Within this topic children will: look at what plants are; identify different types of plants; learn about what plants need to grow; and may have opportunities to grow their own plants.

Computing



ICT is broken down into digital literacy, computer science and information technology.

In digital literacy, we will be focusing on online safety and the importance of not talking to people we don't know online.

In computer science, we will be looking at algorithms (which are instructions for computers) and the importance of these being in order.

During IT lessons, we will be creating linear presentations about Florence Nightingale using PowerPoint.

Geography



In Geography we will be looking at the weather and hot and cold areas of the world. During this topic, children will develop their locational knowledge relating to the continents, oceans, poles and equator, alongside learning about different climates.

Religious Education (RE)



In RE we will be learning about Buddhism. We will learn about the religion, the story of the Buddha, Buddhist symbols and ways that Buddhists might worship.

Physical Education (PE)



P.E takes place on a Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday, we will be focusing on ball skills and co-ordination. In Thursday's lesson children will be focusing on orienteering skills, which will help children with problem solving, movement and teamwork.

Art and Design



Linked to Geography, the children will be painting and printing through the use of hot and cold colours.

Music



In Music we will be listening and experimenting with sound. We will be using a programme called Charanga which will help us to understand how we can use our hands and feet to create music.

PSHE



The class will be celebrating diversity, learning about the diverse cultures within the UK. They will begin to see themselves as part of a multicultural society and understand that there are many people of different races, colours and religions who come together to create our society. During circle time and within lessons, children will reflect on their achievements across the year and learn how to set themselves challenging targets and goals.

Educational Visits / Visitors to School/ Special Events



Homework handed in on **Tuesday** each week please and then will be returned to children marked on a Thursday.

Spellings are done every **Tuesday** morning.

P.E. is on **Wednesday** and **Thursday** each week.

Please remember your **reading folder** every day.

Throughout May, the children will be completing their Year 2 SATs in reading, numeracy, spelling and grammar. The children will do this in a relaxed environment where they will never hear the word 'SAT' and be completing 'special jobs'.

We will be organising our Summer educational visit in the upcoming weeks and will be in touch with information regarding this as soon as we are able.