

Music



This half term we will learn new songs with an emphasis on good diction and word play. The children will learn to maintain a body percussion pattern accurately and recognise the structure of verse and chorus as well as experimenting with a range of tuned and un-tuned instruments.

PE



This term we will be developing basic skills, led by the coaches from Newcastle Community Football. In addition, there will be a specialist gymnastics teacher developing their understanding and skills of gymnastics. Children will need their P.E. kit on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with plimsolls or suitable trainers for lessons.

Art and Design Technology



The focus this half term is painting. We will be learning about the artist LS Lowry with a focus on his industrial paintings. We will explore the use of a minimal colour palette and the effect this can have as well as developing our understanding of mixing colours. We will then go on to discuss perspective, what it is and how we can create it within our paintings. Finally, we will create our own Lowry style painting using photographs of Corbridge as our stimulus.

What can you do to help?

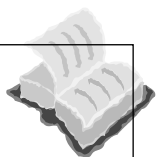
- Maths homework will be issued every Wednesday and should be handed in the following Monday. There will also be a booklet of activities relating to our topic issued, the children can complete tasks within this, in order to extend their learning. Work completed will be celebrated within school.
- Read with your child regularly, and encourage them to read out aloud using expression. Ask questions about the book they have read and make a comment in their reading journal.
- Work with your child to enable them to become more confident at reciting their times tables.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every week; t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls.



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Houses and Homes

English



This half term we will be looking at traditional stories and fables, songs and repetitive poems and information texts.

We will be practising and refreshing our skills in reading comprehension, spelling, handwriting and writing composition; looking at the features of both fiction and non-fiction styles.

We will be expanding our knowledge and understanding of punctuation marks and how they are used correctly. We will develop our vocabulary as we describe different settings with varied adjectives and we will learn to use the terms noun, adjective and expanded noun phrase.

History

We will begin by thinking about our own homes describing what they are like and how our homes and local area has changed in our lifetime. We will then go on to think about what Corbridge was like 100 years ago comparing similarities and differences.

Next, we will look at homes throughout history such as during the Tudor ages discussing how they have changed. Finally, we will learn about castles, thinking about how they are different from the homes most people live in.

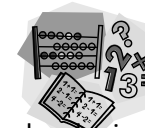


Geography



We will be locating Corbridge on maps and describing it in terms of its physical and human features. We will also be comparing Corbridge on a map now and years ago. Finally, we will also be looking at different homes in different parts of the world and discussing why the homes are different making reference to different climates.

Mathematics



In Maths this term we will be developing our knowledge of place value, identifying and representing numbers in different ways. We will be learning to write number words and solve problems involving number facts and place value. You can help your child to become fluent with simple number facts to 20. They can then use these to derive other number facts and solve number problems including reasoning and explaining. We will learn to compare numbers using the <, > and = symbols. We will have daily sessions to continually visit areas of learning such as shape, time and number patterns along with developing our skills in problem solving and reasoning.

Science



Our topic this half term will be "Living Things". We will be learning to sort living and non-living things. We will be learning about life processes, habitats of living things and how they depend upon each other. We will also develop our observational skills as we look at seasonal changes to the world around us.

Computing



In computing this half term we will be learning to log on to the computers in school and School 360 quickly whilst discussing the importance of keeping passwords and your personal information private. We will also be developing basic word processing skills and applying these skills in our learning across the curriculum.

RE/PHSCE



We will be agreeing classroom rules and routines and reminding ourselves about the Calm School Code. We will develop these skills through regular circle time and making explicit links to our whole school Christian Values. During our RE the children will be developing their understanding of things that are special to us and we will be looking at the Bible as a special book for Christians. We will end the half term with a harvest celebration.