

Music



This half term the children in Year 2 will have a music specialist coming into school to teach them how to play the recorder.

In addition, 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 within athletics, led by a coach from Magpie Sports. In addition the children will initially be learning how to play rounders assessing their ball skills. They will then begin to develop key skills in gymnastics such as travelling. The children's PE kits should be brought into school at the start of the half term and they will be sent home at the end of the half term.

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 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?

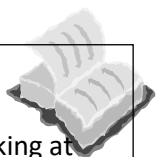
- Maths homework will be issued every Wednesday and should be handed in the following Monday. There will also be an optional homework grid relating to our topic issued, the children can complete tasks within this, in order to extend their learning. Work completed will be celebrated within school.
- Reading and library books should be handed in on a Monday and they will be reissued on a Wednesday. 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 each time you read.
- Work with your child to enable them to become more confident at reciting their number facts, times tables, reading the time and reading and writing their common exception words.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every week; t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls as well as leggings or tracksuit books for outside PE.



Curriculum Information Year 2 Autumn Term 1

**Corbridge Past and
Present**

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 expanded noun phrases. We will learn to use the terms noun, adjective and expanded noun phrase.

History



This half term our topic will be "Corbridge Past and Present". We will be describing key features of the local area, recognising similarities and differences from the past and present, describing changes within their living memory, exploring Corbridge and using photographs to find out about the past, ordering dates and describing their memory of key events in Corbridge.

Geography



This topic is mainly History based however 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.

Mathematics



In Maths this term we will be assessing and then developing our knowledge of place value. This will include 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.

Computing



In computing this half term the children will recap the functions and key components of a computer such as the keyboard, mouse and screen. They will practise logging onto the school network and School 360 and learn the importance of keeping their passwords safe.

Science



Our topic this half term will be "Living Things and their Habitats". We will explore and compare the difference between things that are living, dead and have never been alive. We will then describe how animals obtain food from plants and other animals using a simple food chain. This will help us to name and identify sources of food. We will then begin to identify living things and their habitats and discuss why those habitats are suitable and what they provide.

RE/PHSCE



In PSHE We will be agreeing classroom rules and routines and reminding ourselves about the Calm School plan. We will then explore what makes a good friend, how to apologise when we feel lonely and what to do, how to resolve arguments effectively and how to ask for help if we are unhappy. 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 our understanding of the Big Frieze and Story of Christianity. We will then go on to look at the topic "God." We will do this by reviewing and evaluating key bible stories from the old testament and then relate them to everyday life and the messages they teach Christians.