

English

Class novel:

This half term we will be reading an array of picture books with the children. Some which they might be familiar with and some new to the children.

Key texts:

This half term we will be concentrating on 'Out and About – A First Book of Poems' by Shirley Hughes.

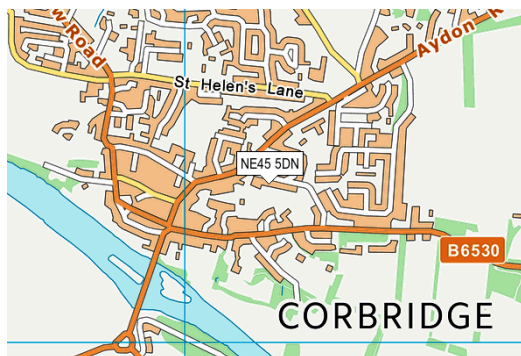
Key Skills

- Continuing with our key targets of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- Spelling the next set of CEW independently
- Applying the phonic spelling rules previously taught
- Writing all letters correctly, starting on the line
- Identifying and using adjectives to add detail to our writing.

Our Curriculum

Our Local Area

Spring Term 2: Year 1



Maths

Place Value – within 50

We move to simple place value activities for numbers within 50. We will be counting in 10s, 5s and 2s so be prepared for lots of fun games and activities, as well as representing numbers in different ways.

Weight and Volume

This maths topic will be taught during our STEM weeks at the end of the half term. We will be focusing on measuring and comparing mass and capacity.

Length and Height

During this unit we will be using both standard and non-standard units of measurements to measure the length and height of various objects. The children will be introduced to using a ruler for measuring.

Thank you for supporting your child!

Science

Everyday Materials

We will use what we learned last half term about materials and their properties and engage in a range of simple experiments and enquiries. This unit of science will link to our STEM week project. We will be testing materials to see which is the most suitable for the Octonauts mission.

Key Skills

Working scientifically

- To use our ideas and observations to ask and answer a range of questions.
- To perform simple test
- To gather data and use this to answer a range of questions
- To carry out a fair test.

How you can help!

- Book bags to be brought to school MONDAY ONLY and they will be returned to parents on Wednesday with new set of books and weekly maths homework
- Read daily at home with your child
- ebooks available www.oxfordowl.co.uk
- Keep up to date via parentmail, school website and twitter
- Practice the year 1 common exception words (the words we are focussing on will be in homework books)
- Practice weekly spellings/phonic sounds

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RE

Why does Easter matter to Christians?

They will tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation (Jesus rescuing people.) They will recognise that Jesus gives instructions about how to behave. Pupils will give at least three examples of how Christians show their beliefs about Jesus' death and resurrection in church worship at Easter.

Key Skills

- Give clear, simple accounts of what stories and other texts mean to believers
- Give examples of ways in which believers put their beliefs into action
- Talk about what they have learned

Geography

Me and My Town

In this unit the children will learn about their local town and why people came to settle here. The children will engage with their local town, Corbridge and identify the current landmarks within it whilst also investigating the physical features that made Corbridge a good location for early settlers. Children will explore their town environment using first-hand observation and experience to enhance their awareness along with essential map skills and fieldwork.

Key Skills

- use simple compass directions and locational and directional language to describe the location of features and routes on a map
- use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of their town and the key human and physical features within the town

Art and Design

Key artist: JW Turner

We will explore the world of collage and discover the work of JW Turner. The children will create their own collage based on the work of this artist. We will develop our evaluating and art appreciation skills by reflecting on the work we produce.

Key Skills

- Collages based on simple drawings using different types of paper
- Using natural and found materials to create collages
- Grouping colours together to create tones and shades

P.E.

The children will now have 2 PE lessons each week. PE kit **MUST** be in school for the whole half term and be **suitable for outdoor sessions**. No jewellery must be worn on PE days which are Tuesday and Thursday.

Tuesday's session will be delivered by Mr Thompson and will mainly take place outdoors. Please ensure your child's PE kit is appropriate for this. Our focus will be invasion games where the children will master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities.

Wednesday's session will be taught by Miss Baxter. This half term we will be creating dances and sequences, as well as practicing yoga.

PSHE

What can we do with money?

We will be looking at the value of money and what it means to us. We will be doing practical activities to support their understanding.

We will end the half term with a focus on our class 'Global Goal,' Life on Land. One of the homework tasks will be to research an endangered animal of their choice and complete a simple fact sheet or similar. They will use their knowledge of this animal to provide a brief 'argument' as to why we should adopt it. We will vote as a class and in turn, will adopt the animal that has the most votes. We will then track the progress of the animal for the rest of the year using the updates provided by the adoption agency! I'm very excited about this!

Computing

This half term the children will be learning to take photographs using an iPad. They will learn how to use the camera app effectively, to take a photo and use different shots. They will develop their understanding of how they can improve the photos they have taken.

The children will also have access to the iPads within the classroom. They will be used to support learning across a range of subjects.

School360 continues to be used in school. Please ask Miss Baxter if you need a refresher of your child's log in details.

Music

We continue to use the charanga scheme in class and will complete our first unit entitled 'Rhythm in the way you walk!' where we continue to use a glockenspiel to explore pulse and rhythm.

We will continue to critique the song of the week talking about what we like and dislike, showing respect when other people have a different opinion. We will continue to identify the different parts of compositions using specific vocabulary such as instrumental solo, verse and chorus.