

## Music



This half term we will be learning new songs for the Christmas performance.

We will also be developing our ability to sing in tune and gain a greater understanding of pitch, high and low sounds. We will also consider the pulse and rhythm within song.

## PE



This term we will be developing netball skills, led by the coaches from Newcastle Community Football. In addition, there will be a specialist gymnastics teacher continuing to develop 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



This half term we will complete our paintings of Corbridge inspired by LS Lowry. We will then study Claude Monet with a focus on his weather paintings; we will develop our collage technique, plan a final piece and then create a collage in the style of Monet thinking about the weather around us.

In the final week of term we will complete a Design and Technology topic based on bridges.

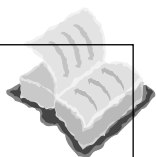
### What can you do to help?

- 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 loud 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 and reading and spelling their common exception words.
- Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every week; t-shirt, shorts, plimsolls.
- If you have any questions don't hesitate to speak to Miss Florek or Mrs Geddes.



# Curriculum Information Year 2 Autumn Term 2 Whatever the Weather

## English



This half term we will be looking at stories in familiar settings, postcards and letters, traditional poems and instructions using these genres to write for different purposes.

We will be reading 'The Owl who was afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson and using this as a basis to write our own animal stories. Our focus will be handwriting and correct punctuation, including inverted commas. We will also learn to use terms such as noun, adjective and verb.

The children will learn to write postcards and link this with our weather topic, writing postcards from around the world, planning and editing our work.

We will read The Owl and The Pussycat by Edward Lear, appreciating classic poems and learning new vocabulary.

Finally we will learn how to write instructions and set these out clearly.

## History



This is not a main area of learning this half term but we will be learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot as a historical event.

## Geography



This term our topic is weather and we will be looking at different climates around the world. We will keep a weather chart in school and compare our climate to other global localities with a contrasting climate. We will also learn about extreme types of weather that occur around the world. You can help by making careful observations with your child about the weather and watching or listening to some weather reports together.

## Mathematics



In Maths this term we will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills and the ability to reason and explain why answers are correct. We will be learning that subtraction is the inverse of addition and we can use this to check our answers.

We will develop our understanding of multiplication and division and how these operations are also the inverse of each other. We will be looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and learning to identify lines of symmetry. We will also learn about fractions of shapes and quantities with daily practice in areas such as telling the time. You can support your child by helping them to learn number facts and times tables.

## Computing



In Computing this half term we will be learning to collect data and present this in graphs and charts using the computer. We will collect our own weather data and use this to write our own weather reports using a word processing programme. This will include learning to save and retrieve our own documents.

## Science



This half term will continue our topic about "Living Things." We will identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats. We will then go on to think about micro-habitats. There will be a focus on why these habitats are suitable for each animal.

We will then begin our topic of materials initially focussing on what they know already and would like to know about the topic. Then we will go on to describe the physical properties of a variety of everyday materials.

## RE/PHSCE



Our main areas of study this half term is the Incarnation and the Nativity story. We will give a clear, simple account of the story of Jesus' birth and why Jesus is important for Christians; recognise that stories of Jesus' life come from the Gospels, give examples of ways in which Christians use the story of the nativity to guide their beliefs and actions at Christmas and decide what they personally have to be thankful for.

The focus for PSHE is the core values of the school we will be exploring each of these during our PSHE sessions.