MUSIC



The children will continue to have drumming lessons on a Thursday afternoon with a specialist music teacher. They will be learning how to make different sounds on African djembe drums and learning simple multi-part rhythms. These interactive and fun lessons also teach the children how to listen and follow groups and teams.

PΕ



This term the children will be taking part in team games. We will be learning to take turns and work together as a team through a variety of different games.

Children will need their P.E kit (shorts, t-shirt & plimsolls) on a **Monday** and **Thursday** and it can be kept in school all term.

ART/DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



This half term we are learning about textile art and we are going to be inspired by a British artist called Janet Bolton. We will design and create our own textile pictures on a canvas using a variety of fabrics.

In design and technology, we will design and make a 3D lighthouse model.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Maths homework is issued in accordance with what has been taught in school that week. It will be sent home on a Wednesday and collected in on the following Monday.
 Topic homework will be issued half termly.
- 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 record book at least five times a week.
- Work with your child to help them learn to spell the days of the week and to recite the months of the year.
- Log onto 'Letterjoin' and practise with your chid how to start letter formation from the line.
- o Please practise reading and spelling Common Exception words with your child.



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LITERACY

We will begin this half term's learning in Literacy by looking at letter writing and we will focus on the correct punctuation when we write our own letters.

Next, we will do a unit on fantasy and the children will produce comic strips based on their own invented super hero.

We will also be learning some traditional finger games, rounds, singing games and nursery rhymes and have a go at writing our own. Phonics will continue to be taught daily and the children will be developing their sounding and blending skills in preparation for the phonics check in June.

Through all areas of the curriculum we will be focusing on the children's personal reading and writing targets.

HISTORY

This term the children will study the Victorian lighthouse keeper, Grace Darling. We will use pictures, role-play and letter writing in to explore Grace's life at the light house and learn about the events surrounding Grace's famous rescue of the Forfarshire. The children will link the work of Grace Darling to lifeboat crews today.

GEOGRAPHY



This term our focus will be on History but through our topic on Grace Darling the children will be developing their knowledge about the North Sea Coast.

Our role play will be transformed into a lighthouse and the children will experience life living and working beside the sea.

NUMERACY

This term in Numeracy we will be learning about Multiplication and Division.

- We will be counting in multiples of 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Solving one step problems involving multiplication and division.
- Beginning to make arrays by making equal groups and building them up in columns or rows.
- We will also be learning about doubling numbers up to 20.

Applying mathematics and problem solving will be a key focus of our work again this term and all children are challenged at their own level to ensure they make their best possible progress.

SCIENCE



This half term we will be continuing our topic on Plants.

The children will be identifying and describing the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. We will be closely observing plants and trees using simple equipment such as magnifying glasses. Our 'Teaching Trees' visit to Matfen Woods will effectively consolidate our learning in this unit.

The children will also be learning about the four seasons and how plants respond to different weather conditions.

COMPUTING



This half term we will be learning how to log onto computers and access various websites, such as School 360. The children will also be shown how to save and load work and use folders to organise their files. We will also be learning about keeping our personal information safe and how to keep safe online.

RE/PSHCE

During our RE work we will be looking at the story of creation and thinking about God as a creative God. We will see how creative we can be! (linking with our art activities). Also, we will look at the meaning of the harvest festival and the types of food that grow in our country and other places around the world. In PSHE our topics will include Christian Aid, Sun awareness, NSPCC and a review of our school Christian values. Understanding of equality and respecting difference is a continuing theme.