

Writing

This half term in writing, we will be continuing to practise the following things: sound talking the words we want to write and using our sound mats to help us; using capital letters and full stops to punctuate sentences; saying our sentences out loud before writing them down; using the conjunction 'and' to link words and parts of sentences; leaving finger spaces between words; carefully selecting vocabulary and sequencing sentences. Our writing learning journeys will be driven by rich texts, and then later this half term, an engaging Christmassy advert! The first writing learning journey after half term will be driven by the book, 'Biscuit Bear' by Mini Grey. This unit combines a little bit of drawing club with a more formal year 1 writing learning journey. The children will learn all about instructions and what makes a good set. By the end of the first two weeks back, the children will write a set of instructions for how to make a biscuit bear.

Phonics

This half term in phonics, the Turtle class will be continuing to learn their phase 5 sounds using the Little Wandle program. This week the children have all been given a list of this half term's sounds and the graphemes that represent them, as well as the new tricky words they will be learning, you will find the sheet in your child's book bag. Please could you practise these as we learn them.

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Toys

History

Are my grandparents' or parents' toys better than my toys?

In history, Turtle class will be thinking about how toys have changed since their grandparents were children. They will think about the differences between the materials used to make toys now and then, the way they have aged—how can we tell that some toys are older? We will talk about the way the toys were/are played with and the inspiration for these toys. We plan to hold a toy museum at school during this half term and we hope many of you will be able to join us and share your childhood toys!

Mathematics

This half term, we will focus on learning how to count in 2's and 10's. We will be applying this to multiplication and division. We will use practical resources to support us. We will also continue our learning about number bonds to 20, addition and subtraction. We will use concrete and pictorial methods to help support the learning.

We are also continuing our mental maths learning to support our number knowledge to 20, pairs, doubles and halves.

Reading

In reading the half term, the children in Turtle class will be continuing with daily reading sessions. Each week, the children will practise reading using their guided reading books to an adult twice a week alongside improving their comprehension skills with independent activities. The children will learn to: make predictions based on what has been said and done; participate in discussions about what has been read; identify how repetitive patterns, words and phrases help their enjoyment of the text and understand the difference between fiction and non-fiction.

Reading diaries will be checked and their books changed by Mrs Parker on a Monday afternoon. Four reads or more, will see your child receive a golden ticket. Library books will be changed with Mrs Whiteley on a Thursday so please make sure they have them in their book bags if they would like their book

Computing

Our computing focus this half term is **digital media**. During this unit, learners will develop their understanding of a range of tools used for digital painting. They will then use these tools to create their own digital paintings, while gaining inspiration from a range of artists' work. The unit concludes with learners considering their preferences when painting with and without the use of digital devices.

R.E

This half term in RE, we will be thinking about our key concept: Preparations. We will be learning about how special this celebration is and what some Christians do to prepare and celebrate it.

Science

This term, we will be exploring Animals and Humans. We will be learning how common animals survive around Catherington. We will find out how basic parts of the human body, including senses, work and how people make changes without them. We will be taking part in experiments to test our theories around these subjects.

P.E

Our PE days will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On Tuesdays, the children will be learning Games.

On Thursdays, they will be doing dance. They will be making different shapes and travelling rhythmically on their feet whilst moving with control and coordination. The Turtle class children will also be performing short sequences to our class friends.

Art

This term, we will be thinking about Teddy Bears! The children will be using pencil, paint and pens to create images of Teddy Bears thinking carefully about the textures that can be created using these mediums. They will learn about the British artist Grayson Perry and the work which he has produced which was inspired by his childhood bear called Alan Measles. We will also look at A.A. Milne's Pooh Bear, drawn by E.H Shepherd, for inspiration.

Music

In music, we are going to be focusing on duration of music. We are looking at the piece of music 'walking the dog' by Gershwin.

PSHE

In PSHE this half term, the children of Turtle class will be looking at the unit: ***Other people are special too***, which will include thinking about their own and other people's feelings. We will learn how to stay safe when using the internet and think about what bullying is and how to prevent it during anti-bullying week.

Trickbox

This half term, we will remind ourselves of the trick called '**Stand Tall**'. The children will practise how to ***Stand Tall***: Standing up straight makes you feel better. We can see how someone feels by how they stand. We will also remind ourselves of the trick we learnt last half term called ***Big Voice***. This trick teaches the children to use a big voice in their heads to say 'I CAN DO IT!'