

## English

### Key texts for this half term:



Writing unit 1: narrative innovation

Writing unit 2: Information text

Writing unit 3: narrative

Writing unit 4: Narrative

Our reading week develops the following skills

Lesson 1: vocabulary and retrieval.

Lesson 2: retrieval, ordering and summarizing.

Lesson 3 and 4 inference.

Lesson 5: language and inference.

We are always focusing on developing children's fluency when reading aloud.

#### Ideas for support at home:

- Read regularly with your child. Read to them so that they can hear what good reading sounds like and get them to read aloud to you.
- Identify effective vocabulary and think of synonyms (other words which mean the same)
- Discuss how the characters are feeling and how you know.
- Discuss what characters are like and get children to identify the evidence.
- Ask them to summarise what they have read independently.



## Year 2 Autumn 2

This gives you an overview of what your child will be learning in school this half term and ideas of how to support them. with their learning at home.

## Science

Our topic this half term is 'Uses of everyday materials'.

During this topic, children will be taught

- To distinguish between a material and an object.
- To identify and name a variety of everyday materials.
- To identify objects made out of everyday materials in and around school.
- To complete experiments to test the strength and stretchiness of materials.

#### Ideas for support at home:

- Identify and name a range of everyday objects.
- Identify and name everyday materials e.g. plastic, metal, glass, wood
- Talk about the properties of everyday materials.
- Talk about why certain objects are made out of certain materials.
- Ask children if they were to make an object what material would they use and why?

## Maths

### Addition and Subtraction

Use addition and subtraction facts to 20.

To add and subtract 1 digit number from a 2 digit number.

### Length and Height

To measure length using a 30cm ruler.

To measure length using a metre ruler.

Compare and order heights and lengths.

### Geometry—properties of 2D shapes

To identify the properties of 2D shapes.

To know what a line of symmetry is.

Compare and sort 2D shapes.

Order and arrange 2D shapes in sequences.

### Ideas for support at home

- Keep practicing counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.
- Practice key facts addition and subtraction facts to 10 and 20.
- Use of number bonds to 10 for number bonds to 100 e.g.  $3 + 7 = 10$  so  $30 + 70 = 100$
- Number facts; quick recall of numbers that add and subtract up to 9
- Use of column addition to add two 2 digit numbers together
- Use the language of taller, shorter, longer to compare height and length.

### Useful websites

[Key Stage 1 Maths - Topmarks Search](#)

[Year 2 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)

## RHE Jigsaw

### Celebrating differences



In this unit children will think about the difference between themselves and their peers and celebrate these differences. Children will learn how differences make us individuals and how important it is to respect the differences we have with each other.

Support your child at home by discussing and celebrating the differences between all adults/children in their own lives

## RE

### Beginning to learn about Islam

In this unit we will learn about the significance of leaders in religion and the importance of Prophet Muhammed to Muslims. We will learn about special places of worship including the mosque. Children will talk about important people in their own lives and special places to them.

## PE

### Social cog



Children will take part in two PE lesson per week - Wednesday and Friday. Within both of these lessons they will be looking at the social cog which focusses on helping, encouraging and praising our peers. Wednesday's lesson will consist of Real PE, which focuses on developing their skills of jumping and landing. Friday's PE lesson will consist of Real Dance where children will learn how to use their bodies to make shapes and create sequences.

## Computing



### Digital photography

In this unit children will be learning about how to take photographs, the orientation of photographs and what makes a good photograph. Children will have the opportunities to take photographs and built on their own skills as well as using effects and lighting to develop and improve their own photographs.

## Music

### Music school - Recorders

1. Learn Musical Elements
2. Care of Instrument
3. Posture / Embouchure / Hand position
4. Technique / Breathing / Airspeed
5. Notation / Playing single note to backing track and sequences

Special Focus Over the half term, in addition to work in lessons, we will also be focusing on the following things.

- Week Beginning 11th November: Anti-Bullying Week
- Monday 11th November: 11am - Year 2 PE workshop for parents and carers with their children
- Friday 15th November 3.20pm: Children's' clothing sale in the hall (£2 entry)
- Wednesday 11th December 2pm: Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play performance for parents and carers
- Wednesday 18th December 3.20pm: Look for a Light lantern display for parents and carers
- Thursday 19th December: Christmas Disco
- Friday 20th December 3.20pm: School closes for the Christmas holidays

Share your learning

Either bring your work into school and share it with your teacher and class or email it to the school office.

office@merridaleprimary.co.uk

History, geography, art and DT are taught through a topic based approach. Information about your child's current topic will be sent home at the start of each new topic.