


<p style="text-align: center;">Maths</p> <p>This half term, children will continue developing their understanding of money, including recognising and counting coins and notes, making the same amount in different ways, comparing amounts, making £1, calculating with money, finding change, and solving one- and two-step problems involving money. Children will also learn about measurement. They will compare and measure mass using grams and kilograms, and compare and measure volume and capacity using millilitres and litres. They will begin to apply the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) when solving problems involving mass and capacity. Children will also explore temperature, learning how to read and compare temperatures using degrees Celsius.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please access TT Rockstars or similar for children to keep practising their times tables regularly.</p>	<p>YEAR 2 – SPRING 2</p>  <p>Mining, Instructions and Money</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>This half term, children will read How to Babysit a Grandma by Jean Reagan and The Monstrous Book of Monsters by Claire Freedman. They will use these texts to support their writing of instructions and fact files, learning how to organise information clearly for a reader. Children will develop their grammar and writing skills by learning to use commands with imperative verbs, expanded noun phrases, verbs and adverbs for description, and co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions (such as and, but, or, when, if and because). They will also practise using apostrophes for contractions and possession, commas in lists, correct sentence punctuation, and writing mainly in the present tense when informing the reader. Children will continue to have daily spelling lessons using the Little Wandle scheme, and group reading sessions weekly.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PSHE</p> <p>This PSHE unit forms part of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). Children will continue to learn about boys, girls and babies in an age-appropriate way. They will understand similarities and differences between girls and boys, life stages from babies to adults and different names for male and female ‘private parts’. The focus is on respect, kindness and understanding similarities and differences between people.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">R.E.</p> <p>This half term, children will learn about Easter and why it is important to Christians. They will explore the key events of the Easter story and understand why Christians believe Jesus’ death and resurrection are significant. Children will also think about the meaning of Easter and how it is celebrated.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">D&T</p> <p>This half term, children will learn about wheels and axles and how they help vehicles move. They will explore how different wheels and axles work and investigate what makes a vehicle move smoothly. Children will design, make and test their own simple wheeled vehicle, then evaluate how well it works and think about how it could be improved.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>This half term, children will learn about living things and their habitats. They will explore the differences between things that are living, dead, and have never been alive, and will begin to classify plants and animals, including minibeasts found in microhabitats such as under rocks or logs. Children will also learn how animals get their food from plants and other animals and will begin to understand simple food chains.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>This half term, children will learn about the history of coal mining in the North East and the important role it played in shaping local communities. They will explore how mining affected people’s lives and jobs, and how technology used in mining changed over time. Children will also begin to understand how mining impacted the environment and how attitudes towards the environment have changed since the mines closed.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">P.E. / MPower</p> <p>This half term, children will develop their ball skills. They will practise throwing, catching, rolling, bouncing and controlling a ball, as well as improving their coordination and accuracy. Children will also learn to work with a partner and take part in simple games that help them apply these skills. Children will continue to have weekly Makaton/Dance sessions with Mrs Melling on Wednesdays.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Computing</p> <p>This half term, children will learn how to collect and organise information and present it using pictograms. They will use digital tools to create simple pictograms, explore how data can be displayed clearly, and learn how to read and interpret the information shown.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>This half term pupils will continue to develop singing skills, improving pitch accuracy and using dynamics such as loud and quiet. They will listen to music from different genres, compose in response to ideas, and record using notation. Pupils will explore pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, and beat groupings through games, movement, and performance.</p>	
<p>Reminder about our upcoming trip to Northumberland Zoo (11.05.26). Please ensure slips are returned and contributions are paid by 1st April.</p>		