

Year 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter



Our topic for Autumn 2 is The Amazing North. It is a topic based around the local area, with a geography and history focus. Pupils will develop their geographical skills, knowledge and understanding through learning about our school, the features of its grounds and the surrounding area. We will also be learning about the city of Durham and historic buildings such as the Cathedral and Castle. We will be thinking about how the local environment might be improved and learn how places change over time.

English

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Skills (SPaG)

We will continue to build on rules and spelling patterns as well as grammar rules. The children will be taught how to use different types of punctuation for different types of sentence, use apostrophes for omission and singular possessions.

The texts we will be reading include “The Lambton Worm”, “George and the Dragon” and “The Knight and the Dragon”.

Children will be writing a firework safety code, creating their own tourist guides for Durham and writing their own version of the Dragon stories.

Maths

This half term we will be focussing on:

Addition and subtraction, measurement and money

- Finding totals
- Making the same amount with different coins
- Giving change
- Solving problems

Multiplication and division

- Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
- Calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals ($=$) signs
- Show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts



Science

This half term our topic is Exploring Materials. We will be carrying out investigations and seeing how materials can be changed. We will be investigating why some materials are chosen for purposes because of their properties.



Art and D.T

In D.T., pupils will be learning about an iconic local sculpture, The Angel of the North. They will be creating a piece of Art creating their own Angel of the North from clay. We will also be looking at the work of local artists Norman Cornish and Tom McGuinness.

We will be Christmas



designing and making cards and crafts.

RE / PSHE

The theme for this half term is how Light is a symbol in the Christmas story. We will be learning about the different symbols of the Christingle.

In PSHE we will be exploring positive relationships, cross cultural friends and how we make friends. We will also be talking about what bullying is and how to be an Upstander.

Music and PE

We will be listening to pieces of music from North East musician Catherine Tickell. We will be using percussions instruments and begin to use notation to record beats. We will, of course, be learning lots of songs for our Christmas production.

The children will continue to have their P.E on a Friday. Please ensure they have the correct kit in school to participate fully in lessons. Sometimes, we have coaches or sporting experiences in school on different days. As the weather gets colder, children will need an outdoor P.E kit too.