

Dragonology



Year 2 - Autumn 1
2022

English

Some children will be staying within the RWI lessons if they need to continue to securely learn their phonic sounds. They will be following the RWI lessons to help build their confidence to hold, build and edit sentences. If your child is secure with their phonics then they will be moving onto Year 2 Literacy lessons within their classrooms. These follow a mission each half term.

In the Year 2 Literacy lessons our mission this half term will be helping Kamran and his daughter Avani who live in America and are coming to England for a holiday. They need some ideas about what to do when they get here and will be asking the children to write descriptions and letters. We will be focusing on using nouns, adjectives and verbs to add detail. We will also be using co-ordinating conjunctions to extend our sentences e.g. and, but, or. The children will also be starting to use an exclamation mark in their sentences.

All children will be encouraged to use their phonic knowledge and punctuation they have learnt in Year 1.

At home:

- Read with your child regularly and help them move up the reading rocket
- Support your child's learning of their weekly spellings (from RWI or Year 2 Literacy)
- Practise finding examples of their spellings in reading books
- Help them to spot punctuation in their reading and talk about why it might be there

Maths

This half term we will be looking at the number system. We will be counting forwards to 100 and then backwards in steps of 1's, 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's. We will use our number recognition to read, write and solve addition and subtraction number sentences. We will be learning to separate numbers into tens and ones, recall number facts to 20 and solve problems using number. Money will be something we look at towards the end of the half-term and we will be focusing on coins and their different values.

At home:

- Help your child to recognise all numbers to 100. Ask questions such as, "Can you tell me the number before 52? Can you tell me the number after 76?"
- Help your child to learn their number bonds to 10 and 20, e.g. $10+5+5 = 20$
- Count in steps of 2, 5 and 10
- Recognise coins and notes and practice counting similar coins

Science - Materials

This term's focus will be on grouping and changing materials. The children will be identifying and comparing everyday materials and looking at which is best suited for a particular use. They will be exploring the properties of wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard.

Art, D&T and Computing - Colour mixing, Art techniques and Clay sculpture

This half term's main focus for the afternoon lessons is Art. The children will be learning about colour mixing using primary colours to produce secondary colours. We will also explore how to create tints and tones and apply these skills to will produce their own hot or cold dragon paintings.

The children will also explore sculpture and look closely at finer details to produce an air clay model of a dragon's eye and use their painting skills developed in Art to enhance their models.

In Computing the children will create many different types of art using Microsoft Paint to create their own interpretations of different artworks in the style of varying artists.