

## Foundation Subjects

**Geography** - This term we will start to use maps to explore our local area. We will look at the human and physical features of Scapegoat Hill and Huddersfield. We will explore the land use of our local area and create our own maps of a short route in the Colne Valley.

**Music**- Children take part in weekly Ukulele sessions which take place every Monday. During these sessions children learn to play the Ukulele and practise reading music, singing and performing.

**History** - In history our new topic will be kings, queens and castles. We will look closely at significant monarchs from the past and the influence they have had on Britain. We will look at the features and purpose of castles and explore similarities and differences through the years. As always in history we will be developing our historical skills and learning how to gather information from artefacts and exploring historical sources.

**Computing** - In computing we will begin to look at questioning and how this informs databases. We will plan, structure and create our very own branching database. As always we continue to practise navigating our way around the computer to enable children to print, save and find information on the internet safely.

**Art**; In Art, we will closely link our work to our science topic and will be looking at the artists Henri Rousseau and Nick Gustafson and the paintings they did of animals. We will be developing our painting skills to create animal patterns, mix shades of colour and finally recreate our very own 'toucan' or 'tiger in a tropical storm' painting.

**RE** - This half term, We will be looking at how we make good choices and what enables us to do this. We will be comparing this across religions and looking at moral stories from across different faiths and comparing values.

**DT** - This half term we will link our DT work to our history topic, 'Kings, Queens and castles'. We will explore how people lived during this time period and will design and create our own Tudor coin purse. We will develop our textile skills and work on stitching, cutting, threading and decorating the coin purses.

**As always, you can help your child by talking to them about what they will be learning.**

## English

This half term the children will develop their narrative writing skills. They will be working on different texts to aid in writing character and setting descriptions. The children will re-cap how to use expanded noun phrases to make their writing more interesting and will be applying their phonic skills to spell an increasing amount of words. We will continue to develop our understanding of different texts we have read in short reading comprehension sessions, We will focus on understanding new vocabulary and answering questions by retrieving information from the texts. As always, we ask you read with your children as much as possible. It is also helpful if you can ask the children to retell the story to you, or to ask them what they think might happen next as this will deepen their understanding.

**We will work on our spellings and recognition of Y2/3 common exception words. We ask that you please read with your child as much as possible to support learning at home. Reads can be recorded on the Boom reader app where children will be assigned reading books in school. Children now have logins for bug club phonics (Y2) and spelling shed (Y3) which can be used at home and at school.**

## Kings, Queens and castles



## Science

We will start the term exploring the topic of 'Animals including humans'. Over the first half term we will explore what humans need, what offspring are and how do animals change as they grow into adults. We will carry out scientific investigations and answer questions such as 'do we all grow the same?'. Children will be taught to work scientifically by gathering and recording data, and identify and classify different animals,

**Please explore the local area with your child when out and about to support our learning in school.**

## Maths

In Maths, we will be working on our multiplication and division skills. We will be working on recalling times tables facts to help with our learning. We will look at how to multiply and divide and also exploring commutativity and allow children to become more confident with number facts. Year 2 children will be working on multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10 and will look at doubling and halving. Year 3 will work on 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables and will look at related facts and problem solving. We will then explore how to multiply and divide 2 digit numbers.

**You can help your child by continuing to help them to learn and practice their times tables and continuing to work on addition and subtraction skills to increase quick arithmetic skills.**

Here is a link to a great game to help with number bonds and times tables. - [Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](#)

## The Notice Board

**PE**- This will be on a Friday afternoon. Please make sure you have both an indoor and outdoor kit. This includes shorts, t shirt, warm jumper, trainers, jogging bottoms/leggings. If you have earrings please can you bring in ear tape or alternatively earrings will need to be taken out during PE sessions.

**Please always send your child with a water bottle.**

Miss Mitchell will be in class Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday AM  
Mrs Haygarth will be in class Wednesday/Thursday and Friday.  
Mrs Baxter will be in class every morning and Mrs Lodge every afternoon.

Y2 Parents- Please try and use **Bug Club Phonics** at home where possible to develop phonic skills.

Y3 Parents- Please use **Spelling shed** where possible to develop spelling.