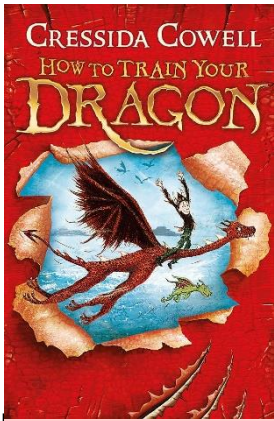


Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Lower Key Stage 2

Spring 1



In Lower Key Stage 2, our learning this half term will see us exploring the text ***How to Train Your Dragon*** which focuses on a young Viking named Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, who must prove himself by training a dragon, despite the challenges of being an unlikely hero in a world of fierce dragon trainers.

This text provides opportunities for pupils to learn about different cultures and the importance of resilience. Pupils will use the text throughout their topic-driven afternoons.

In **English** this half term, pupils will be writing a newspaper article about a dragon that came into our classroom and caused chaos!

We will be focussing on ensuring that our spelling, punctuation and presentation is to a high standard, as well as learning the features of these text types.

In **Mathematics** this half-term, we will be focussing on methods of Multiplication and Division, as well as calculating length and perimeter.

In our Topic-driven afternoons we will be:

History

In History, we will use a range of historical sources to learn about the invasion of the Anglo-Saxons and their impact on Britain. We will learn where the Anglo-Saxons came from and how they influenced language, architecture and religion in England.

Geography

In Geography, we will learn about biomes. We will use atlases to identify different biomes and explain which plants and animals live there.

Science

In Science this half term, we will explore forces and magnets. We will identify how forces can change the direction, shape or speed of an object. We will be conducting investigations to explore the impact that forces and magnetism can have upon different objects and surfaces.

Art & Design

In Art, we will study the work of Aubrey Brown and use this to influence our own artwork. We will be using mixed media to create different dragon portraits. In DT, we will be designing a puppet that uses pivots, linkages and levers.

PSHE & RE

In PSHE, we will be learning about healthy relationships. In RE, we will be learning about how and why believing in God makes a difference to people's lives.

You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the Topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Asking me to apply my maths skills in real life situations (e.g. counting change).
- ✓ Listening to me read and asking questions.
- ✓ Supporting me with my homework tasks.
- ✓ Helping me practise my spellings and times-tables.

Lower Key Stage 2 Teachers: Miss Hunt and Miss Patterson
Other adults: Miss Dimmock, Mrs Durham, Mrs Midgley and Mrs Weathers

Year 3 - P.E. is on: **Monday (Gymnastics) and Tuesday (Basketball).**

Year 4 - P.E. is on: **Tuesday (Swimming) and Thursday (Gymnastics)**

Please ensure your child has their PE uniform with them in a bag on these days.

Homework:

Your child is expected to read a minimum 50 minutes a week, please evidence this in their reading record. Spelling and times-table homework will go home every Friday.

Spelling tests are completed on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure all homework is completed and handed into the class teacher by the following Friday.