

TOPIC / THEME:

Let's explore some MUCK, MESS AND MIXTURES!

Muck and mess is good. In fact, it's marvellous. Dive in and get your hands and feet all sticky and covered in paint. Play with liquids, squish some dough and check out the slushiest and mushiest foods. Pour, mix, stir, splat. How does it feel to get your hands covered in goo? Year 2 will let loose and explore art and design through some very messy mediums this half term!

READING

Reading is an invaluable part of your child's education and is key to learning in all subjects across the curriculum. We aim to develop our children into confident and fluent readers, and to broaden their vocabulary, by exposing them to a rich diet of high-quality texts from a range of different genres.

Reading in Year 2 is taught daily to focus on deepening their reading decoding and understanding. It is taught through a systematic approach to phonics using the Read Write Inc. scheme where the children will participate in daily lessons during which their phonic knowledge is developed and applied enabling children to read with fluency and expression. Books are carefully matched to the reading ability of the children to allow them to build their fluency as well as their understanding of the texts they have read.

Children are encouraged to read at home as often as possible, through their own choice of authors and genres from our extensive library, which increases their vocabulary and spelling skills to add to the valuable work that we carry out in class, and using any books they love to read with family and friends.

WRITING

Our first narrative is based on Rumpelstiltskin, where we will write a third person narrative using the rule of three. We'll then retell the story of Rumpelstiltskin using descriptive language and explore what superlative language is.

Our non-fiction piece will be a first-person recount of the creation of the potion, centred around the story 'Oliver Moon and the Potion Commotion.' We'll look at past tense verbs, sequencing information and using captions to provide further detail.

MATHS

An array of Maths chapters will be covered over the term, taught through our Maths No Problem scheme that promotes a spiral curriculum style of learning; mastering a skill and then constantly revisiting throughout your school career at different levels to build up key knowledge.

CALCULATIONS: multiplication; making equal groups; adding equal groups; making equal rows; making doubles; solving word problems

CALCULATIONS: division; grouping equally; sharing equally

FRACTIONS: making halves; making quarters; sharing and grouping

P.S.H.E.

Our topic this half term is 'Relationships' and 'Respecting others' where we will continue understanding more about what makes us unique. Much discussion will centre around equality, tolerance, freedom and how protected characteristics are reinforced through British Values, as we continue highlighting the rights of the child and its importance at Sacriston Academy.



COMPUTING

Year 2 are developing skills surrounding coding, commands and repetitions using new 2Code knowledge on the iPads. We will discuss online safety throughout their PSHE lessons too as we talk more about relationships and support systems.

ART AND DESIGN

Muck, Mess and Mixtures is driven by art and design objectives, and will allow us to select appropriate materials for different jobs, investigate colour mixing, and use different mediums to create a variety of art pieces. Food MAY be involved in some of our final pieces!

SCIENCE

Our Science topic is 'Animals (including humans) with a focus on healthy living. We'll also be planting seasonal bulbs ready for next term's plant focused topic. In lessons, we will discuss the 5 food groups, how to make healthy choices, address misconceptions surrounding what makes food items 'healthy' and enter the Warburtons Healthy Lunchbox competition to promote good choices.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our focus religion is Christianity, and in particular, the teachings and beliefs surrounding Christmas. The children will look at joy, celebrations, the nativity and advent and share their learning over the Christmas period.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Year 2 are studying dance this half term, working on sequential movements, developing rhythm and collaborating ideas that will lead to a group dance at the end of term.

MUSIC

Our song focus this half term is called 'Ho, Ho, Ho', and during this festive season we will learn many songs for our Christmas performance, identifying parts of choruses, verses and bridges.

