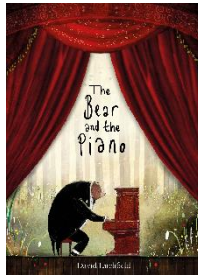


English

Writing

In English, we will be continuing to consolidate our Year 1 and 2 writing skills. We will particularly focus on writing a longer series of accurate sentences, with correctly formed handwriting and accurate spelling. The children will also be encouraged to apply their knowledge of expanded noun phrases in their narrative writing.

We will be using the book 'The Bear and the Piano' to inspire our writing, with an intended outcome of writing a new story about an animal that finds an instrument.



Spelling

Spelling will continue to be a vital part of our learning this half term. We will continue to apply our knowledge of phonics to spell new words, with encouragement to choose the correct graphemes. We will also continue to practise red words from Year 1 and Year 2. Please continue to use the spelling logs to help your child re-visit our spelling focus each week and practise the red words in the front of the log. We would ask if you could ensure that your child's spelling log is in their book bag on a Friday as this is when we will update them with the current week's list of words for you to practise at home.

Reading

This half term, we will be developing our reading fluency and comprehension through a range of group and whole class reading sessions. These sessions will encourage fluency and pace when reading, as well as developing key comprehension skills; retrieve, interpret, explain and predict. We will explore a range of texts, including picture books, chapter books, poetry and non-fiction. We will also build in lots of opportunities to promote a love of reading. This might include time in the book corner to read independently, discussions around books and whole class story times.

Please continue to read at home with your children as much as possible. This helps to not only promote a love for reading but also develops fluency and understanding. Children will continue to take home a 'shared reader' book, which children are encouraged to change regularly using the class. The class will have many opportunities to choose new library books.

Home Learning

You will receive a separate sheet of home learning ideas that support the learning that we are doing in school. Please only take these as inspiration and follow the children's interests if they have their own ideas. Please continue to read as much as possible at home and practice the words in the spelling log each week. We would also appreciate any times table practice, either verbal, written or using Times Tables Rockstars.

Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing our learning on multiplication and division. We will also consolidate our knowledge of place value, addition and subtraction and start a new unit on money.



In our money lessons, the children will use their knowledge of coins and notes to solve different problems, such as making different amounts and finding change. This will also help the children to apply their knowledge of addition and subtraction to more familiar situations.

In multiplication and division, the children will review their knowledge of grouping, sharing and equal groups. They will then apply this to different problems. We will also be focusing on fluency of times table facts (2x, 5x and 10x tables), including applying these to division.

Times Tables

Times tables are vitally important for progress in lots of areas of mathematics. By the end of Year 2, children are expected to recall multiplication facts for the 2x, 5x and 10x tables. These facts will include division problems. Please continue to practice the Maths Rockstars steps with your child. You could also use TTRockstars, which the children have been introduced to in class.



Science

In Science, we will be learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will explore the characteristics of life (what living things need to survive). We will look at MRS GREN to help our understanding of these features. We will also learn about different habitats and how animals have certain features that allow them to survive there.



Wider Curriculum

Geography

In our first Geography unit of Year 2, we will be learning about the UK. We will explore England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, identifying their human and physical geography. The children will use their knowledge and geographical skills to compare a city in the UK with Corfe Mullen.



DT

Our focus in DT this half term will be healthy food. We will be learning about a balanced diet and the Eatwell plate. Using this knowledge, the children will design, make and evaluate their own healthy sandwich/wrap.



PSHE

Our new unit is called 'Dreams and Goals'. The children will talk about their own and others' achievements and consider the feelings that accompany these. They will also think about their own dreams and goals for the future.



PE

We will be continuing our PE learning with Invasion games and sending/receiving skills. Warm clothing for outdoor PE is recommended during colder months. We ask if the children can bring their PE kits into school on a Monday and we will send them home on a Friday. The PE days for this half term are:
Monday: Sending and receiving
Thursday: Invasion games

Year 2

Spring 1

Curriculum Leaflet



Miss Biles Miss Elms

Welcome back! We hope you had a great break.

We are all excited for the new half term and continuing to work with you and your children. We hope you find this information helpful and useful. If you have any questions, or need to speak to us, please email either the school office or us directly at:

year2@henburyview.dorset.sch.uk

Dates for the Diary

8th February – Book Look in classrooms
(Foundation, Year 1 and 2)

9th February – Last day of Spring 1