English

Writing

In English, we will be continuing to consolidate and apply our Year 1 and 2 writing skills. We will be

applying our knowledge to a range of different writing genres, including setting descriptions, recounts. letters and narratives.

We will be inspired by a key text, 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' and will use a range of supporting texts such as, 'Meerkat Mail', 'The Secret Sky Garden' and the video 'Zahra' (see The Literacy Shed – The Other Cultures Shed). We will use these text to help us develop our vocabulary for describing settings, characters and emotions. The key skill that we will focus on throughout the half term will be the use of conjunctions (and, but, or, because, if, that, when) to extend our sentences.



Spelling

Spelling will continue to be a vital part of our learning. We will continue to encourage the correct choice of graphemes and the correct spelling of red words within our written work. A key spelling focus will be the use of suffixes (-ing, -ed, -ful, -ness, -less, -ment) and the rules needed for applying these to root words.



Spelling cont.

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.

Reading

We will continue to develop our reading fluency, pace and comprehension through a range of group and whole class reading sessions. We will explore a range of texts and focus on applying our retrieval, inference and prediction skills. We will also build in lots of opportunities to promote a love of reading. This might include time in the book corner, 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 library.

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.

Maths

In Maths, we will be starting new units of learning about measurement. We will also consolidate our knowledge of addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.

In our measurement lessons, we will be learning about length and height, capacity, mass, temperature and time.

There may be opportunities at home to support this learning, such as baking, using clocks, measuring the children's height. Please send in any photos of the children applying their measures learning at home!

In addition and subtraction, we will be consolidating our efficient, written methods for solving problems including 2 digit numbers.

36 + 47 =	51 - 26 =
30 6 40 7	20 6
30 6	51 - 20 = 31
40 7	31 - 6 = 25
70 + 13 = 83	

In multiplication and division, the children will review their knowledge of grouping, sharing and equal groups. We will also continue to focus on fluency of times table facts (2x, 5x and 10x tables), including applying these to division.

Times Tables

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. We would appreciate any practise of these at home!



Science

In Science, we will be continuing to learn about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. We will investigate different habitats and consider how

living things depend on each other in particular habitats. We will then learn about food chains and create some food chain examples of our own. We will learn the terminology 'carnivore, omnivore and herbivore' to classify different animals.

Wider Curriculum

Geography

In our new Geography unit, we will look at maps of the world. We will explore the 7 continents and 5 oceans and identify key features of each of these. We will also think about the pollution affecting our oceans and how we could help to resolve the problem.





Art

Our focus in Art this half term will be on developing our painting skills. We will be inspired by the artwork of Paul Klee and explore different ways to apply paint and create new colours.

PSHF

Our new unit is called 'Healthy Me'. We will discuss all the things that we need to stay healthy and happy, such as, food, drinks, friends and family and exercise.

PE

We will be continuing our PE learning with fitness skills and net and wall games. Children in Year 2 also have an extra PE slot with the AFC Bournemouth school coaches. 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: indoor Tuesday: outdoor Thursday: outdoor



Spring 1 Curriculum Leaflet



Miss Biles Mr Gray

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

Monday 27th March – Parent Share in the hall @ 2.30

