


Subject	What is my child learning about at school?
English	<p>Poetry Excitingly, we will be starting this half term with poetry! The children will be using their creativity, confident voices and expression to not only write their very own poem but perform it also. The children will look at performance poetry and how effective it is and they will transfer these skills discussed into their own poem.</p>
	<p>Cave Baby Our Talk for Writing text this half term will be the story of 'Cave Baby'. The children will be applying all the story writing skills they have learnt this half term to write an innovated version. They will continue to focus on capital letters, full stops, exciting vocabulary and perfect punctuation. Alongside this, they will look at using a range of openers for their sentences.</p>
	<p>You could support your child at home by encouraging them to write a creative story with a clear beginning, middle and end. A great way to stimulate fantastic writing is finding a picture they can use to write a story from. You could also encourage your child to use perfect punctuation and making sure they have used capital letters when necessary.</p>
Writing	<p>Nelson Handwriting As we continue our journey to outstanding handwriting, we will be focussing on our stamina and the pace of our writing. This will enable an ease of transition when children begin their journey in year two.</p> 
	<p>You could support by practising a consistent pace at home. You could also ensure that they have a correct letter formation by making sure their ascenders and descenders are accurate.</p>
Reading	<p>Sounds-Write (Phonics) The children will continue to have daily phonics lessons. To ensure a smooth transition into Year Two, the children will be recapping all of the sounds we have taught them this year and focussing on words with more than one syllable. Continuing to segment and blend the words. The children will also play phonics games in class such as 'speed read', this will help the children to read fluently.</p>
	<p>Guided Reading This half term your child will begin to read as part of a large group. To ensure a smooth transition into the next year group, we will be asking them greater depth comprehension questions. For example, we might say "How do you know that?" We will also be encouraging children to express their opinions about books; this will also help them explore different texts in greater depth.</p>
	<p>Please could you continue to read with your child at home and continue to nurture their love of reading. You could also ask them questions about the book when they are reading it to ensure great understanding. Please continue to use your Reading records, they are to be returned on Fridays please.</p>
Mathematics	<p>This term your child will begin to learn about fractions. They will learn to recognise, find and name quarters and halves as part of an object, shape or quantity. Using their knowledge, they will solve practical problems for lengths, heights, mass, weight, capacity and volume.</p>
	<p>Excitingly, we will also begin learning how to tell the time, focusing on telling time to the hour and half past.</p>
	<p>You could continue to support your child by helping them to count to 100 both forwards and backwards. You could also support your child by beginning to discuss how to tell the time.</p>
Core Knowledge	<p>In R.E your child will be focusing on the religion Islam, and learning about the Five Pillars of Islam. They will explore what each pillar represents and why it is so important to the Muslim faith.</p>

	<p>In Science our topic is 'materials and magnets'. This half term they will explore a range of different materials and begin an investigation using different materials to check if these materials are opaque, translucent or transparent. The children will understand what is the best use for each material and discover the properties of each.</p> <p>In History our topic is 'Parliament and Prime Ministers'. The children will build on their previous knowledge of the English Civil War and how parliament was first created. They will learn about the declaration of rights and deepen their learning by participating in fun role play activities such as a mock election and being in charge of the treasury!</p> <p>In Spanish, we will continue to practise listening and responding to different phrases and having short conversations in Spanish. This half term, we will be looking at correcting our grammar when speaking Spanish, we will do this with lots of prompting and repetition. In addition, to fit in with the theme of summer we will be learning our favourite ice-cream flavours, delicioso!!</p> <p>You could support your child at home with their knowledge by thinking about the uses of everyday objects and what materials they are made from. Questions you might ask are; why do we use glass to make windows?</p>
<p>Character & Jigsaw</p>	<p>Character</p> <p>This half term your child will be focusing on the virtues Self Control and Dignity, Gratitude and Honesty. We will engage in class discussions about how we can show self-control and honesty in different situations and why it is important to show gratitude to others. We will focus on putting these into practise around school and thinking about when and where we can show all these values.</p> <p>Jigsaw: Changing me</p> <p>This half term we will be focusing on our 'Changing Me' topic. Within this topic we will have lots of rich discussions about changes and how, as people, we constantly change and develop. We will discuss how our bodies have grown since being babies. In addition to this, we will learn to identify the parts of the body that makes boys different to girls and will learn the correct names for these.</p> <p>You can support your child at home by talking openly about how bodies change and some changes they may have noticed in the past couple of years.</p>
<p>Art</p>	<p>This term, our art topic is Sculpture. This is an exciting opportunity for children to work with 3D materials such as clay to creatively design and make products. We will look at the work of Edgar Degas and Antony Gormley, exploring the planning processes of these sculptors. The children will use their skills in drawing and painting to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imaginations.</p> <p>You could support your child at home by allowing them to express their creativity through drawing, painting, sculpture or collage. You may also look at some different pieces of art and talk about what this tells it about the past.</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>Your child sings in groups with their class every day for enjoyment and to reinforce their learning. We will also be continuing to follow our music scheme Charanga. Alongside this, we will be practising a few of our favourite songs of the year in preparation for our Year group assembly at the end of the term.</p> <p>You could support by listening to a range of songs with your child and having discussions around what instruments they hear, their views and their favorite genre of music.</p>
<p>P.E</p>	<p>Years 1 will be focusing on Cricket and Tennis this half term.</p> <p>They will focus on building the basic core skills needed for the two sports, with an introduction into gameplay. This will help to support the growth and development of their hand-eye coordination.</p> <p>Please ensure your child eats a healthy, balanced diet and arrives at school having eaten a nutritious breakfast. Details of our breakfast club are available from the School Office.</p>