

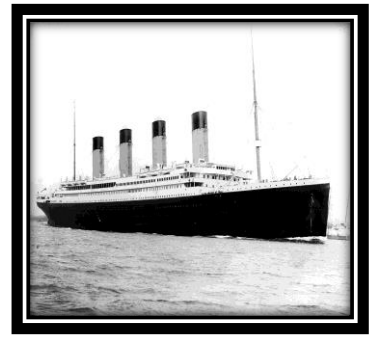


Year 2 - Curriculum Information for Parents

Autumn Term B

I've Got a Sinking Feeling

In literacy the children will start the half term by looking at a variety of poems, including acrostic poems and shape poems. The children will have many opportunities to look at different poems and will have some opportunities to write their own.



For the rest of the half-term the children will have lots of different writing opportunities connected to the RMS Titanic and her sinking. They will be exposed to stories written about the sinking and they will also have plenty of chances to write different non-fiction texts such as fact files and reports.

Closer to Christmas we will be writing letters to Father Christmas so that the children can give them to him at the Christmas Market (organised by the PTFA).

There are also lots of places outside school that offer opportunities to write a letter to Father Christmas. (and some even promise that they will receive a reply!) It is really beneficial for the children to practise their writing skills in a real context such as this, for more information visit the Royal Mail website.

In numeracy the children will be learning about multiplication in the context of repeated addition and arrays, and about division in the context of repeated subtraction and sharing. The children will be learning and practising the multiplication facts. Now that we have started multiplication, the children will start to take part in the 'Times Table Challenge' which consists of different 2, 5 and 10 times tables challenges, from which the children can earn certificates and progress up the 'Tables Beanstalk'.

Lots of practice of multiplication tables at home as well will help the children to begin to remember these facts and to be able to recall them quickly.

They will also be learning about fractions of a whole. They will learn to recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$. We will revise telling the time to the hour and half hour and also learn quarter past and quarter to the hour.

You can support this work at home by referring your child to any clocks you have (including digital) and discussing the position of the long hand and the short hand or the significance of the numbers. Practice at telling the time, by referring to it and the relevant positions of the hands on the clock is very helpful.

For this half term **our topic is 'I've Got a Sinking Feeling'** which will involve work across the curriculum subjects, including science and history. We will visit the Sea City Museum in Southampton, which will help to immerse the children in this topic and give them lots of information about life aboard the Titanic and how the ship sank.

In PE this half term the children will be taking part in different games to help develop their throwing and catching skills. They will also be enhancing their social skills by working together as a team and showing good sportsmanship to their peers.

Towards the end of term we will be reading the Christmas Story and we will be thinking about angels in our **RE** lessons and their significance in this particular story.

The children will continue their music sessions this half term and will be learning how to play the violin. We were so pleased to see such a full audience for our first music performance last half term and look forward to you sharing some more of the children's musical achievements with you in the future.

Homework Challenge – *Making a Titanic. We had some fantastic 'homework challenges' last half term and the children enjoyed sharing these with their peers. This half term we would like the children to make their own version of the RMS Titanic. This could be made from anything - Lego, papier mache or anything else you can craft with.*