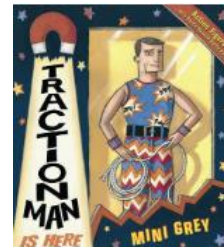




Year Two Newsletter

Classes 2L and 2H



This term the children will be exploring the following topics:

Science- Materials

Pupils will be taught to:

- Identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses
- Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching
- Some materials can be found naturally; others have to be made

How can parents help? You may wish to look for materials around the home and discuss their properties for particular uses. You may wish to find out why we recycle different materials and discuss what can be made.

In **Maths**, we will be learning about the place value of numbers to 100. We will be also looking at mental addition and subtraction methods, multiplication, and division. **To help parents could:**

- Ensure children understand the place value of two-digit numbers.
- Support children by counting on and back in 1s and 10s across tens.
- Practice counting in 2s, 5s, 10s on and back and begin to learn associated multiplication and division facts.
- Recall number bonds to 10 and 20 and reason about associated facts using + and - signs.

In **PE** we will be focussing developing skills of performance and locomotion

In **Literacy** we will be reading and writing stories with familiar settings. Our focus text will be Traction Man by Mini Grey linking to our Materials topic. We will also be writing a Historical recount linking to the Gunpowder plot. For our poetry unit we will cover poems on a firework theme and study the poem Fireworks by James Reeves.

In **History**, we will be learning all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot.

In **Geography**, our unit is a local area study where we will be using maps to study the geographical features of Widnes.

In **Art**, we will be studying Mark Chadwick's spin painting and completing our own mixed media piece.

In **RE**, our unit is Hinduism: 'How might people express their devotion?' We will learn about Hindu's place of worship and how they are thankful through worship.

In **Computing** we will be learning about online safety. We will think about how we use the internet and how to keep safe.

Messages and reminders

- Spellings and Maths homework will be set on Edshed on a Monday.
- Spelling tests are on Friday
- Reading books should be read at home regularly and sent into school every day so children can read with an adult in school. Please write a comment in their diary every time you read with your child.
- Children will also bring home a school library book which is to encourage reading for pleasure. It is not the expectation that they should be able to read this book themselves, but they may wish to.