



The information on this sheet will give you a brief overview of some of the activities we will be doing this half-term across the curriculum. Please feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions, or can offer any support.

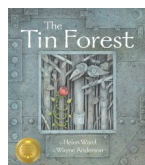
English

Our main English text this half term will be 'The Tin Forest'.

We will continue to be doing shared reading sessions each afternoon to develop the children's reading, comprehension and inference skills.

We will send home another Spellings Booklet of Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words for children to practice throughout the week at home. We will be sending home Spelling Shed accounts again for each of the children so they are able to practice their spellings and reading skills interactively at home.

Within in English lessons, we will continue to develop their handwriting; focusing on the correct formation of letters and building fine motor control.

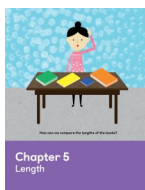


Common Exception Words											
Year 1				Year 2							
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are	one	use	was	again	clerk	more	mouth	pride			
ask	i	two	were	any	clothes	cars	near	really			
be	is	says	were	bath	could	great	new	reach			
been	it	should	you	bowlful	could	half	old	seize			
come	are	gave	your	because	dare	held	only	see			
do	my	is	was	between	and	have	parents	tell			
found	us	was	was	best	enough	kind	piece	water			
full	of	the	was	break	enough	kind	post	who			
has	are	was	was	bring	just	more	power	where			
has	use	they	was	child	just	many	place	world			
he	our	to	was	children	just	many	place	would			
here	pull	today	was	Christmas	just	money	poor				

Maths

This half term in **Maths No Problem!** we will learn about length in Chapter 5, Mass in Chapter 6, Temperature in Chapter 7 and Pictograms in Chapter 8.

To aid with the children's understanding, we will send home mathematical challenges based around these chapters. We will also send home [Times Tables Rockstars](#) logins for the children. This will support them in their understanding of their times tables.



Computing

Children will learn the importance of how to use technology purposefully to store and retrieve digital content, and to recognise common uses of information technology beyond school. They will create digital content and explore photo editing software.

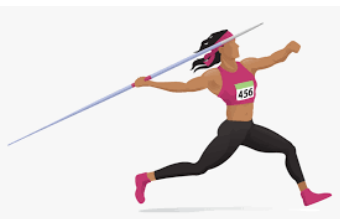
We will also celebrate [Safer Internet Day](#) on Tuesday 6th February 2024.



P.E.

In P.E we will be doing athletics and some elements of dance.

The children will be supported to develop fundamental movement skills, becoming increasingly competent and confident, and access a broad range of activities to extend their agility, balance and coordination.



R.E.

In R.E, we will be learning about different places of worship with the question: What Makes Some Places Sacred?

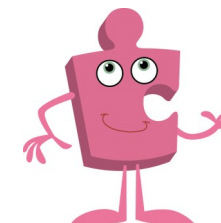
World Religion Day is celebrated on Sunday 21st January 2024 and Chinese New Year starts on Saturday 10th February 2024.



P.S.H.E.

Our Jigsaw PSHE topic this half term is Dreams and Goals. This jigsaw piece focuses on choosing realistic goals and thinking about how to achieve them. It also looks at goal-setting, aspirations for yourself and the world, and working together.

'Make Your Dreams Come True' Day is celebrated on Saturday 13th January 2024.



Visits and Visitors (Building our Cultural Capital) - In Spring 1, we will be visiting 'Chester Zoo'.

Additional Information

Book bags can now be brought in on any day and will be changed when they are in the Book Bag Box with a signature from an adult at home. Please support children in their reading. This should be a minimum of 10/15 minutes of reading per night.

Yew and Fir Class have P.E on a **Wednesday** afternoon.

Following feedback from our Autumn Parents' Evening, homework is now set as a paper booklet to be completed over the course of a half-term. Homework will include Reading, English, Maths and Spellings.

As an Artist...

As an artist, we will be learning:

We will be improving our painting skills; focusing on mixing primary and secondary colours.

We will be considering the work of Jackson Pollock and some of his pieces of work.



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Year 2

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This half-term our topics are...

As a Geographer...

As a geographer, we will be learning:

About the UK seasonal changes, oceans and weather diaries.

We will also be doing some map work to improve our geographical mapping skills.



As a Linguist...

As a linguist, we will be learning:

About the world around us with Senora Elba.

We will also be learning; colours, numbers, family members and a variety of animals.

Hola!

As a Musician...

As a musician, we will be learning:

Our topic in music this term is 'I Wanna Play in a Band!'

We will be focusing on learning to follow a beat and appraise our own performances.



As a Scientist...

As a scientist, we will be learning:

About plants.



We will consider that may grow from either seeds or bulbs and that these then germinate and grow into seedlings which then continue to grow into mature plants.

We will learn about seeds and bulbs and their need to be planted outside at particular times of year.