

Hellifield Primary School

Autumn Term 1



MATHS

During the first half of the autumn term, the children in Owls Class will be undertaking work on place value, to deepen their knowledge and understanding of numbers and the number system. They will then be using the four operations and applying these skills, written and mental, to real life problem solving.

ENGLISH

We will be developing our writing skills through the following texts:

Narrative – Float by Daniel Miyares

Non-fiction – A biography of Nikola Tesla



We will also develop our understanding of grammar, spelling and punctuation and practise our handwriting skills. In addition, we will use 'VIPERS' questions to help us with reading comprehension.

ART & DESIGN

Children will be learning about the work of African artists Edward Tingatinga and Esther Mahlangu. They will explore patterns using different media, produce a painting in the style of Tingatinga and work with digital images.

R.E.

Our question this half term is 'Creation and Science – Conflicting or Complimentary?'



Oak Class



DIARY DATES

13th September – Swimming starts
18th September – Y5 Ingleborough Walk
21st September - Tag Rugby
22nd September - Cross Country

SCIENCE

The first science topic of the year is 'Electricity'. During this unit children will be learning: about electrical use and safety; how to circuits using different components including a range of switches; and identifying conductors and insulators. Children will be making hypotheses and recording their findings in a variety of ways.

PSHEe

This term our topic is 'Relationships' focusing particularly on values and friendships.

P.E.

Swimming will take place on Wednesdays at Settle Pool and will concentrate on stroke development. We will be doing P.E. with Mrs Mercer on Thursdays, concentrating on **football** this half term.

HOMWORK

READING – Children should read at home every day. Please listen to them read aloud, at least weekly, in order to help develop their fluency and expression.

TIMES TABLES/OTHER MATHS FACTS – Children should practise these each day at home. Times Tables Rock Stars is great resource for this.

HOMWORK CHALLENGES – Please hand in each Wednesday.

FRENCH

This half term we will be learning how to answer questions about themselves in French, revising numbers and days of the week and learning vocabulary related to school and the classroom.

MUSIC

This half term, our focus is on developing our singing, improvisation and composition skills, based around song 'The Doot Doot Song.' Children will learn about musical structure and how to build chords.

HISTORY

Our history topic this half term will look at The Atlantic Slave Trade, considering what slavery means and using historical sources to investigate the journeys and lives of slaves. Children will learn about reasons the slave trade was abolished and study significant figures of the time. They will also learn that slavery still exists, even though it is illegal.