



Leyburn Primary School curriculum newsletter

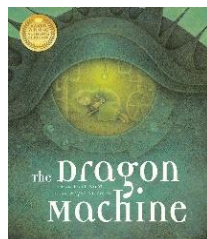
Year: 2 Term: Spring 1 2026



Termly overview: Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas. A reminder that with the wet and chilly weather, please ensure your child has some spare shoes in school each day to allow outdoor play and learning in all weathers (a spare pair of socks or tights is also helpful in case they get wet!). PE days will be a Monday and Tuesday. Class Dojo will continue to be our main communication tool for any messages and with lots of exciting learning coming up, if you have anything linked to this term's learning that you would like to bring in and share with the class, please let us know. Please continue to encourage your child to read most days, books will be swapped on Fridays. Thank you, *Mrs Allis and Mr Clifton*

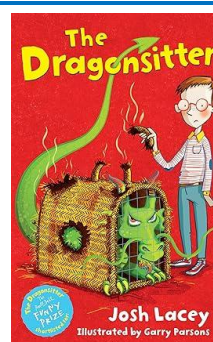
English:

We are going to be reading the story 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. We will be writing our own story based on The Dragon Machine, using different sentence forms: statements, questions, commands and exclamations, as well as the correct tense and punctuation throughout. We will also be writing our own poems based on the poem 'Night Sounds' by Berlie Doherty.



Storytime / RfP:

To complement our dragon story writing, we will be reading the short chapter book 'The Dragonsitter' by Josh Lacey. The story tells the tale of how Edward looks after a dragon whilst his uncle is away on holiday, sounds easy... but this dragon is a handful and soon the fridge is empty, the curtains are blazing and there is chaos everywhere!



Maths: We are continuing to learn more about shape, in particular the features of 2D shapes such as their vertices (where two sides meet) and 3D shapes including its faces. The children will be practising how to draw shapes accurately with a ruler, find its line of symmetry and make patterns with shapes.



The children will begin to practise their **2, 5** and **10** times tables.

Art: This half term we will be learning about the Austrian artist Gustav Klimt. Will be looking at his portraits and focusing on how to draw self-portraits and those of others, with a touch of gold!



PSHE: We will be exploring the theme of relationships this half term, with a focus on: making friends, building lasting friendships, how to be a good friend, how we can play and learn well with others and finally, how we can resolve conflict positively.

Science: In this unit, we will be learning about habitats: we will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We will find out how habitats are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. We will name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. We will also describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain and identify and name different sources of food.

Geography: We will study the town of Saltburn and compare the similarities and differences of it with Leyburn. We will consider the human and physical features of Saltburn and use maps, atlases and globes to identify its location within the UK.



PE: * **Monday & Tuesday** *
We will be developing our teamwork and ball skills in target games on a Monday. On Tuesday, we will be working on our balance and core strength in yoga.

Music: We will listen to the song 'Mars' from 'The Planets' by British composer Gustav Holst. We will explore the spikey and smooth in the context of music, learn a new song, write lyrics and play simple patterns on a drum!

Computing: Building on our previously learned programming skills, we will be using Beebots to understand how computers follow our instructions!

