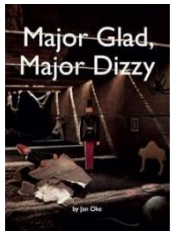
Leyburn Primary School curriculum newsletter

Year: 2 Term: Spring 2 2026

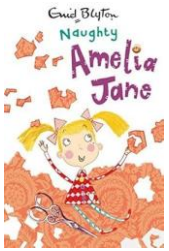
Termly overview: We're in March already, where has the time gone?! A reminder that with the wet and chilly weather, your child might benefit from having some spare shoes in school to allow outdoor play and learning in all weathers (a spare pair of socks or tights is also helpful in case they get wet!). PE days will be continue to 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: This half term we will reading the story Major Glad, Major Dizzy By Jan Oke. Major Glad, Major Dizzy is a photographic picture storybook that is based on the true discovery of a hidden hoard of Victorian toys under the author's floor. It also introduces some of the milestones of recent British history.

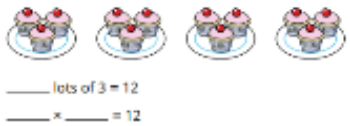


At the end of this unit the children will write a diary entry from the point of view of a toy, they will use past tense verbs, subordination (when, because) and correct punctuation.

Storytime / RfP: We will be reading 'Naughty Amelia Jane' by Enid Blyton this half term. This book links to our writing text (Major Glad, Major Dizzy) and is about a mischievous toy named Amelia who is big, bad and the terror of the toy cupboard! In this book, she snips the tail off the pink rabbit, squirts Tom the soldier with water and gets up to mischief at the beach, whist the other toys try to teach her to be good.



Maths: Our focus this half term will be multiplication and division. We begin by looking at arrays, grouping and sharing equally. We will be able to identify the links between multiplying, dividing, doubling and halving. As this is the first time the children have been introduced to the multiplication and division symbols, we will use lots of practical resources to help with this.



DT: Within DT the children will be exploring moving vehicles and mechanisms, specifically the two different types of axel (fixed and free). They will look at existing toy vehicles, design and make a moving vehicle, so that wheels can be added to a body and move. The children will then test their moving vehicles and evaluate their effectiveness.

PSHE: We will continue to learn more about living in the wider world. We will be learning about our different strengths and weakness in and out of school, and how these can be applied in a job. We will then consider the different types of jobs there are and the work people do to help us and our community. The children will continue to learn about how they can keep themselves safe online.

History: We will learn about the development of travel and transport throughout history. This develops the children's understanding of chronology through the use of timelines and making comparisons between old and new forms of transport. We will learn about Viking Longboats, the first trains and cars.

Handwriting:
The children have been working really hard on their handwriting in class recently. We have been practising the 'tall letters'- t, l, h, b, d and k, making sure they are noticeably taller than the other letters. We are also ensuring that letters such as a, c, o, g start at the top and curve anti-clockwise.

PE: * Monday & Tuesday *
We will be developing our teamwork and ball skills within invasion games on a Monday. On Tuesday, we will be improving our fundamental ball skills through net and wall games.

Computing: This unit introduces the children to the term 'data'. They will begin to understand what data means and how this can be collected and organised in the form of a tally chart. They will then present data in the form of pictograms and finally block diagrams.

RE:
We will be learning about some of the key festivals within Christianity and Islam, and how these are celebrated including Easter and Eid-ul-Fitr.