Leyburn Primary School curriculum newsletter

Year: 2 Term: Autumn 2 2026

Termly overview: We completed our first half term as Year 2s! We hope you had an enjoyable half term. PE days will be a **Monday** and **Friday,** please can the children come to school in their PE kits and wearing trainers. As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please make sure the children have a suitable coat, hats, gloves and spare socks! Class Dojo will be our main communication tool for any messages, feel free to message me (Mrs Allis) with any messages, questions or concerns. Thank you, *Mrs Allis*

English: This half term we be using the fictional story 'The owl who was afraid of the dark' by Jill Tomlinson. We will write a fact sheet (non-chronological report) about owls using information gathered from the text

We will revisit and apply the use of coordination and subordination in our sentences (**and, because**), and begin to write sentences using - **but, or**. We will also add **-ly** to turn adjectives into adverbs and use commas to separate items in a list. Handwriting is really improving and we will continue to make sure our letters are a good height and size.

Storytime / RfP:
This half term we will read and listen to a variety of fiction and non-fictional texts linked with our topics.

Our reading area is coming along nicely! The children have really enjoyed choosing a book, getting cosy with the bean-bags and having the warm lights on, especially with the dark mornings and evenings. This inviting space has really encouraged a love of reading and helps to support a calm and purposeful learning environment.

Maths: We are applying our understanding of place value within addition and subtraction this half term.

We will be strengthening and building on our knowledge of adding and subtracting to a multiple of ten, then across a multiple of ten. We will then add and subtract two 2-digit numbers across a ten. We are continuing to strengthen our number sense within 'Mastering Number', which continues to be popular.

PE: * Monday & Friday*
On Monday's we will practise gymnastics, where we will develop our jumping, balancing, rolling and travelling skills and combine these into a sequence. On Friday's we will develop our ball skills, where we will practise throwing, catching, rolling, dribbling, hitting a target and kicking.

PSHE: Health and Wellbeing. This half term we will think about how we can create healthy habits, including: sleep routines, how we can look after our teeth and managing our feelings.

Science: Materials
Within this unit we will explore the suitability/unsuitability of everyday materials. We will then continue to explore how we can change the shape of materials by squashing, twisting, bending and stretching solid shapes.

Design Technology: Within this unit we will look at food. The children will taste and evaluate bought coleslaws, then learn the skills to make their own coleslaw.

Computing: Within this computing unit we will be using the iPads to explore the features of a successful photograph, considering lighting, effects, layout and whether it is real or not.

KS1 Nativity: We are busy preparing for the Nativity: we are singing songs, learning lines and practising how to speak clearly for an audience to hear.