

Summer 1

- Mr Pusskins
- A Dot in the Snow
- Hooray for Fish!
- Harry and the Jaggedy Daggers

This half term we will share a range of stories together which link to our topic.

This topic will have a focus on moving water and bridges. As part of this topic we will be looking at different bodies of water and finding out about some of the wildlife that inhabit them.

We will construct dams and investigate diverting water as well as exploring ways in which we can speed up/slow down the flow of water.

During this half term we will also spend some time looking at bridges. As part of this we will look to identify patterns in bridges, spot shapes and complete some observational drawings.

Visitors

We are super excited to be welcoming visitors into school to enhance our learning. As always, we welcome any families who work in a range of professions that could enhance our learning this half term to please let us know.

Follow that Fish

Key Vocabulary

We believe that talk is the foundation of all of our learning. We will always seek opportunities to discuss and explore new ideas. Alongside this we will extend our vocabularies through our learning and our play. We will learn many new words as we discover new topics and ideas. This half term some vocabulary we will learn includes: flow, flowing, river, stream, burn, sea, estuary, water vole, minnow, salmon, carp, brown trout, mayfly, dragon fly, algae, North Sea, Wallsend Burn, Ouseburn, The River Tyne, Tyne Bridge, Swing Bridge, Millennium Bridge

Big Maths

In Maths this half term we will begin to use absolute measurement vocabulary e.g. heavy, light, tall, big, tiny to describe everyday objects. In addition to this, we will be consolidating our understanding of length by aligning and accurately identifying longer, taller and shorter. We are going to demonstrate our understanding of positional vocabulary by using it to describe illustrations in books. We will continue to develop the work we have started on simple patterns and challenge children to create their own. We will begin to link numerals to sets of 1, 2 or 3 and understand that these sets can be changed by adding items or taking some away.

Values

We will focus on the value of Respect this half term. We will talk about what being respectful looks like. In addition to this, we will show respect through listening to others, being considerate and sharing.

Phonics and Early Reading

This half term we will be introduced to new stories that follow our topic. As well as this, we will continue to regularly share some of our favourite 'Over and Over' texts and continue to sing songs and rhymes. We will play syllable games and build our confidence when exploring initial sounds through playing games and during our daily routines.

Role Play

Our 'Home Corner' is a really popular area of the classroom where children love to play and learn cooperatively. The children negotiate their roles and then create their own narratives to go alongside their play and this regularly continues and is built on each day. This half term they will continue extending their play from families to include job roles e.g. construction workers, chefs, teachers, doctors etc...

Nursery