



Mersey Park Half Term Overview



Spring 1

Year 2

Writing

In our literacy lessons we will be learning the story of Not Now Bernard. We will create a story map, retell the story and then we will have a go at changing the story by adding our own characters. We will also write character descriptions of the monster in our story, focusing on using 2A sentences (2 adjectives), questions and exclamations. We will also read lots of stories about the adventures of Katie Morag and write descriptions of Struay, the island she lives on, as well as some of the characters we meet on Struay.



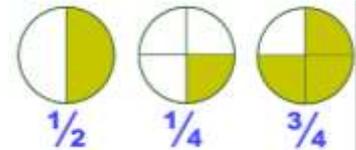
Reading and Spelling

In our reading we will be continuing to sound out longer trickier words and trying to read most familiar words fluently. We will be learning these sounds in spellings and looking out for them in our reading books; /i/ – y
es, ed, er – y to i
e - ing
We will also be looking for these tricky words; every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast
We will continue to apply our comprehension skills by answering questions about the books we are reading.



Maths

In our maths lessons we will be looking at multiplication and division. We will use part whole models and bar models to help us complete calculations. We will draw arrays and apply our knowledge of counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. We will also find out about measure including; length, height, weight and capacity. We will learn about fractions of shapes and amounts. We will learn how to find half, quarter, three quarters and a third of a numbers and shapes.



Topic

Our topic 'Fire Fire' will continue this half term. We will learn even more about The Great Fire of London. As historians we will look at the diary of Samuel Pepys and compare his account of the fire with other sources of evidence. We will study painting of burning London and make observations about various artists' paintings of Great Fire of London. As artists we will then create skylines of London by colour mixing to create the effect of flames and black paper to cut out the silhouettes of the buildings against the flames.



Science

In science we will be learning all about 'Animals, including Humans'. We will describe the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene. We will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air) and will consider what humans need to live. We will identify different foods and classify some of the foods that humans eat by plant or animal origins. We will 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. We will identify and create a simple food chain.



Mersey Park Life Skills

To help our Year Two children develop as well rounded little people who are ready for the world around them, we will be teaching our children life skills. This half term we will be focusing on positive role models and identifying what it means to be a role model. We will learn about the importance of learning from mistakes, saying sorry and forgiveness. We will talk about how we can build friendships and how we can help our friends. As part of our Jigsaw scheme of work we will learn about 'Dreams and Goals'.

