



Mersey Park Half Term Overview



Autumn 2

Year 2

Writing

In our literacy lessons we will be learning the story of The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark. 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) and similes.

We will also become poets as we write our own Firework poems.

beady, talons, delicate.



Reading and Spelling

In our reading we will be learning 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;

/r/ – wr

/l/ or /ul/ – le, el, al, il

We will also be looking for these tricky words;

wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, hold, told, gold.

Additionally, we will apply our comprehension skills by answering questions books we are reading.



Maths

In our maths lessons we will be adding and subtracting numbers to 100. We will use part whole models, bar models and place value frames to help us complete calculations. We will also answer multiplication and division questions involving 2, 3, 5 and 10 timestables. These calculations will also be solved by drawing arrays and applying our knowledge of counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. We will also look at the value of coins and how we can add them together.



Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Fire Fire'. We will be learning about The Great Fire of London and The Gunpowder Plot. As historians we will find out about how the fire started during The Great Fire of London and why it spread so quickly. We will also find out about who Samuel Pepys was and why he was so important in helping us find out about the events which took place during those few days many years ago. We will research Guy Fawkes and King James I to discover the key roles they played in the Gunpowder Plot. As geographers we will find out about London landmarks and how they were affected during the Great Fire of London. We will also compare how London looked then and how it looks now. We will also label the countries of the UK and name their capital cities.

ocean, continent, country, waterproof



Science

In science we will be learning all about Materials. We will identify and group different materials based on their properties. We will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses and recognise the importance of everyday objects being made from suitable materials. We will go on a materials hunt around school and see what materials we can find. We will also perform simple experiments to find out which material is the most suitable to make a waterproof coat.

friction, suitability, properties



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 making good choices by discussing with the children what it means to be responsible and why we must make sure we think about the consequences of our actions before we act. We will also be celebrating differences as part of our Jigsaw scheme of work.

This involves learning about what makes each of us unique and being proud of who we are.

