



Mersey Park Half Term Overview



Summer 2

Year 2

Writing

In our literacy lessons we will be reading the story of Starbird by Sharon King Chai and retelling our own versions of the story. We will also write character descriptions for some of the main characters and describe the setting. We will also read Amazing Grace and The Enormous Crocodile and complete activities based on the stories. In poetry we will read the poem Nature Trail by Benjamin Zephaniah. We will look at how the poet uses rhyme to make the poem flow and we will write our own rhyming poems all about minibeasts we might find in the garden.

**Fascinated,
Enchanted, Precious**



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;

Suffixes; -ment, -ness, -ful, -less, (-tion)

Homophones

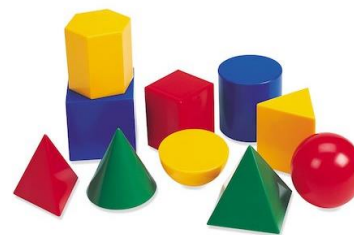
Contractions

We will also be looking for these tricky words; whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money



Maths

In our maths lessons we will be continuing to revise all areas of our maths curriculum. We will solve problems using the four operations as well as fractions. We will also look at telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes, describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and recognising the value of coins. We will look at measure including the units we use to measure length, weight and capacity.



Topic

Our topic this half term will be 'Time Detectives'. As historians we will look at the history of our school by studying old maps of the local area, investigating artefacts and analysing different sources. We will also look at our own family history. We will compare schools then and now and ask our grandparents school was like when they were little. We will learn about famous people from our local area such as: Patricia Routledge, Paul O'Grady, Daniel Craig, Shirley Hughes and Katerina Johnson Thompson.

Memorial, Artefact, Sources.



Science

In science we will be learning all about 'Plants'. We will explore how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will investigate what plants need to grow and will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. We will discover where seeds come from by investigating fruits and seeds in their local environment. We will carefully observe and sort seeds and will also recognise how some plants are able to grow from bulbs. We will plant a variety of seeds, describing how they grow. We will have the opportunity to plant seeds and to observe growth. We will also start a gardening club.

**Evergreen, Deciduous, Oxygen,
Blossom, Germination.**



Personal Development

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 playground games in the past and now and the importance of being a good sport and taking turns. We will learn all about the names of trees and flowers in our local area, as well as the importance of looking after the environment and respecting wildlife. As part of our Jigsaw work we will be learning all about Changing Me.

