

Autumn 1  
Year 2

# Street Detectives



We are delighted to welcome your child to Year 2. Each half term, we will introduce the next topic in a learning leaflet, similar to this one. It will inform parents of what their child will be learning over the next half term in all curriculum areas. The homework ideas attached will be linked to this learning and if completed will benefit your child hugely. If you have any talents or connections to anyone who you feel would be able to help us with this topic, please let us know. We are always happy to have visitors in school to enhance the children's learning.

Our first topic is called 'Street Detectives'. We will be learning about our local community, looking at houses old and new and finding out how our streets have changed since our parents were young. Perhaps your Granny or Grandpa went to our school or maybe they worked in a local shop? We will make maps and plans of the streets around us, planning our routes, looking at where we live, and learning how to write our own address. The children will be learning about giving directions, and writing instructions of how to get from school to their home address. We will be thinking about ways to make Silsden a better place and we might even write to the council to give them our ideas about what we would like our new school to look like. So we hope our Street Detectives are ready to roll, it's time to start investigating!!!

## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October Individual Photographs

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October Break Up

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Return to school

We will let you know any other important days as and when they occur throughout the half term.

## For Your Information

To engage the children in their learning, we are planning to take the children on an 'I Spy' treasure trail around Silsden main street during the first two weeks.

We have also booked a visit to Knowles Estate Agents and Mr Knowles has kindly offered to talk to the children about different types of houses and how Silsden has changed over the years.

Please ensure all items of clothing are named, including PE kits, coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

## English

Our English learning focus for the term will be ensuring children are forming sentences, using a full stop and a capital letter and ensuring letter formation is correct. We will begin the term by writing about the school holidays. Then we will move on, to reading 'The Night Pirates' and our written work will be based on this story. Linked to our theme, we will be reading The Three Little Pigs and discussing the materials being used. The children will learn how to write instructions of how to get to school from their house, which will include using the vocabulary left, right and straight on. They will also learn how to write their address. The children will be reading books connected with the topic in their guided reading sessions.

Please help your child with their reading by listening to them read each night, even if it's just a couple of pages. This is so valuable as children who read frequently make greater progress across the curriculum.

## Numeracy

As Mathematicians we have a busy but exciting half term! We will start our Year 2 journey by learning to count forwards and backwards to 100 and beyond. Our main focus will be on place value, as it is an essential skill that children understand the value of each digit in a two digit number. We will be using tens and ones sticks to help the children learn to read and write numbers and to be able to compare numbers using the <, > and = signs. They also have to be able to write and spell the number names, so we will focus on these in weekly spellings and in lessons. Towards the end of the half term we will move onto addition and subtraction using number bonds and doubles of numbers. When Maths can be taught alongside the topic it will be, for example the children will be learning about data handling when they plot on a chart how long it takes them to get to school.

**At home, we would appreciate regular practise of times tables. This could include singing school timetable songs or quick fire questions.**

## Science

As Scientists the children will be identifying and comparing everyday materials. They will look at materials used to build houses and say why certain materials are used. This will be linked to the story of the Three Little Pigs, as they will build a house for the pigs but the roof must be waterproof. The children will learn the difference between man-made and natural materials. In addition to their work on Materials, the children will also learn about different plants in the local area and may even name some.

## Topic

As Historians the children will be finding out about what Silsden was like 100 years ago and comparing it with today. The children will identify what has changed and write about the differences. We will also learn the history of our school and think about what we would like in our new school.

In Geography the children will learn about their local area and identify human and physical features in Silsden. They will also be using maps, drawing maps and learning how to use a map key.

As Artists they will learn to draw the different types of houses and learn about the artist Lawrence Steven Lowry. They will make their own paintings in the style of Lowry.

As Designers, we will be making houses from mini cereal boxes, then we will make a table map with roads and green spaces and place the homes on it.

## Religious Education

The RE theme this half term is about 'Special Places'.

The children will be learning about special places and special people and why we are all different.