

Heathhall Primary School Termly Class Newsletter

Literacy focus

We will be learning about books from different genres and discussing our preferences. We will also focus on being good listeners and respectful speakers by listening carefully, making eye contact and taking turns when talking.

In reading, we will learn about asking and answering different types of questions about texts. We continue to focus on tricky/speed words to aid our fluency. We are continuing to develop our phonics skills by learning more complex sounds and spelling patterns. In writing, we will be focussing on tools for writing ensuring that we are using full stops, sounding out words and writing in sentences. We will also be focussing on letter formation in handwriting.



Learning across the curriculum

We will be learning about Christian beliefs through Bible stories and looking at Christian traditions.

In Expressive Arts, we will be exploring listening to different styles of music, rhythm and singing as a group. We will also learn how to use a design brief to understand a problem and explore creative ideas to develop solutions for real-life situations.

Health and Wellbeing this term will be focussed on 'Responsibility' - exploring the themes of friendship and emotions.

In Technologies we learning to log in independently and access websites and programmes, find and save our work, use a keyboard, and follow instructions to create and print our own work.



Primary 2/3 - Term 1

Mrs Rudd and Miss McKinnell

If you need to speak to us, please contact us at the following email addresses:

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Please note class dojo will be used to share updates and general information. We will not respond to any messages on Dojo.



IDL focus

The children have chosen to explore the world of engineering. This will be achieved through practical challenges and problem-solving. We will discover how engineers use creativity, critical thinking and collaboration to identify problems, design solutions, build, test and improve their ideas. We will explore different types of engineering, including structural, mechanical, electrical and environmental engineering, while investigating how technology can meet our needs and wants and how it can affect the environment. Throughout our learning, we will also develop important meta-skills such as curiosity, creativity, critical thinking, adapting, collaboration and initiative.



Numeracy and maths focus

We are developing our understanding of numbers to 100, and some to 1000, by exploring tens and ones, counting forwards and backwards, and finding missing numbers in sequences. We are also learning to recognise and describe odd and even numbers. We will learn to use the 'ten plus' strategy to build teen numbers (e.g. $10+6=16$). For mental maths we will look at different strategies to add and subtract numbers quickly and accurately, including near doubles, teen numbers and adding or subtracting 10s.

In Beyond Number, we will be learning all about Shape and their properties. We will explore 2D and 3D shape as well as looking at the relevance of maths in the world.



Other information

Mrs Rudd will teach the class Monday-Wednesday. Miss McKinnell will teach the class Thursday-Friday.

PE days will be Tuesday, Wednesday (Mr Sharp) and Thursday (Miss McKinnell). All children should come to school in their PE kits on these days with their school uniform in their bag.

Please ensure all uniform is labelled. As we are now getting changed after PE, this is very important.

All children require a pair of indoor shoes, snack and waterbottle.

Meet the Teacher - 16th September - 3:15-4pm

Last day of term - Friday 9th October.

