**Maths**

In maths this half term, we will be learning to read and write numbers to 1000. We will begin by recognising each place value column and its value as a digit. We will then begin to compare and order numbers up to 1000. After that, we will be finding 10 and 100 more or less than a given number as well as counting from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100. We will then finish the half term by adding and subtracting three-digit numbers using a written method and mentally. Alongside this, in our basic skills sessions, we will practise counting forwards and backwards in multiples of 3,4 and 8. We will also recap any place value methods that we learned in year 2.



**Science**

In science this half term, we will be learning about the human body and what it needs in order to stay healthy. We will begin by looking at animal skeletons and categorising them into endo and exoskeletons. We will then learn the main bones in the human body and their function. We will then look at what nutrients the body needs and compare it to those of different animals. We will end the topic by creating a healthy plate based on the nutrition that the human body needs.

**History**

In history this half term, we will be learning about our local area, specifically Springwell Colliery. We will begin by looking at when Springwell Village was founded and why. We will then learn the importance the Colliery had on the growth of the village. After that, we will learn about what life was like for a miner and the dangerous conditions that they had to work in. We will then learn about the achievements of Lord Shaftsbury and George Stephenson and the improvements this made to mining. Finally, we will look at comparing the village by identifying changes from past to present.

**PSHE**

In PSHE this half term, we will be learning about feelings and emotions. We will learn about different kinds of emotions and when you might feel them.

**How to get involved at home**

* Encourage your child to practise their spellings and recall of 2, 5 and 1o times tables.
* Complete homework tasks on a weekly basis.
* Encourage your child to read at home – make a note of it in their reading record.

**Art**

In art this half term, we will be studying the work of L.S Lowry. We will begin by looking at Lowry’s work. We will then learn how to mix colours, create foregrounds and backgrounds, before creating our own piece of art in the style of L.S Lowry.

**PE**

In our PE sessions this half term, we will continue to develop our basketball skills. We will focus on passing and receiving the ball and dribbling with it.

**Music**

In music this half term, we will be learning to play the recorder with Mr Little.

**English**

In English this half term, we will begin by reading the ‘The BFG’. We will start by creating diary entries from the perspective of Sophie. We will then write a set of instructions on how to make Frobscottle. We will finish this narrative topic by writing stories based on a dream and present them in dream jars. After that, we will then be looking at advertisements by creating presentations based on a video called ‘The One for All’. We will finish by writing explanation texts based on ‘The Shirt Machine’. We will continue to learn spelling rules and common exception words weekly (see spelling overview) as well as revisiting the words from Year 2. We will also be reading our class novel ‘The Twits’ during our guided reading sessions.