

Please find below lots of useful information to help you and your children be organised and make the most of their time in our year group. Please also ensure you keep checking our website, Twitter account and text messages for other updates as well as looking out for letters which may be sent home from time to time.

What will my child be learning this term?

Our theme for this term is **Protect the Planet/ Pollution Solution**

English

In our English lessons, we will be reading a text called 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan which discusses how trash is dumped and how people are affecting the environment. We will be learning to use formal language to write public notices, information texts and formal letters.

Another book we will be reading and exploring is the Paper Bag Prince by Colin Thompson. This book discusses the importance of nature and how humans are impacting on the environment.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to secure our number and place value knowledge. We will be multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000, learning about negative numbers and Roman numerals. Throughout the lessons, we will be working on real life problems. Our focus for this half term is to develop our confidence and fluency when adding and subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We will be using the formal written methods and learning how to apply our knowledge to real life problems. Also, we will be learning how to solve problems using long division.

How can I help my child at home?

- Ask them what they are **learning about** in school.
- Make sure they have **equipment** to do their **learning at home**.
- Check your child is doing their **learning at home** and handing it in on THURSDAYS!
- **Listen to your child read** every night and talk to them about the book (this can be done in English or the home language) – use the questions in their reading records.
- Help them practice their **times tables**
- Help them learn their **spellings**.

Where can we go as a family to support my child's learning?

Talking at Home

We encourage you to talk to your child about their learning in class. Ask them what they have learnt each day or something new which they have found out. See if your child can explain what they have been learning at school. This is a good indication of how well they listen and how interested they are in their work. They may even tell you something you didn't know!

Upcoming trips / visits / visitors / theme days

- Keighley Picture House (free trip) – Wednesday
- Recycling Tip – Visit to local recycling tip
- Children in Need - 17/11
- Walking Bus – 20/11
- Brighter Futures Week 4/12
- Year 5/6 show case – Date TBC

Geography



How is human activity affecting our environment?

As Geographers, we will be exploring how humans affect the environment and we will be learning how we can protect the environment, sending messages to our future generations/ local community members and the local council. During these lessons we will be learning about: Pollution, Climate Change, Littering and deforestation.

Art



As part of our Art lessons, we will be creating art work using recycled materials.

DT



DT lessons will involve using recycled materials to make musical instruments and researching ways to make items from junk and turning this into funk. We are excited for this challenge and welcome any recycled items.

PSHCE



Me, Myself and Relationships

Our theme this half term for PSHCE is Valuing Difference. We will be learning about diversity, respect and tolerance of other religions and faiths. We will be learning about prejudice and stereotypes.

E-safety reminders

1. Don't give anyone your password, name, address, the name of your school or any information about your family
2. Don't talk to strangers on the Internet
3. Don't agree to meet anyone in person that you've met online
4. Don't fill in a profile that asks for your name and address
5. Don't visit a chat room without an adult's / parent's permission
6. Don't stay online if you see something you think your parents won't like
7. Don't post pictures of yourself without your parents' permission
8. Do not download or install anything on your computer without your parents' permission
9. If you have any questions about something you read, ask your parent or guardian
10. If you are talking to someone online and they make you uncomfortable remember you don't have to talk back to them

Uniform reminders

Children need to wear **black plain shoes and bring their school reading book/ records daily**.
PE will take place on Friday afternoons. Children will need to come to school in the correct kit every Friday please.

