

**The topic we will be covering this term is:**  
**Down the Deep Dark Mine**

**Literacy**

In literacy this term we will be focusing on a range of genres to widen their application of key skills. We will be exploring the text 'Out of the Deeps' to create our own recounts and stories based on this book.

**Maths**

This term we will continue to extend your child's knowledge of calculation methods for all four operations. They will also focus on place value and ordering numbers. The children will be encouraged to learn various times tables including counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10. We will explore measure through our topic maths.

**Science**

In science the children will be looking at the topic of 'Animals Including Humans'. Linked to our topic the children will be exploring the health of miners and comparing and contrasting diets and lifestyles now and then. Children will ask their own questions and gather information to answer questions.

**ICT:**

Children will always use and develop their knowledge of e safety when using computers. They will be developing their computer skills including word processing and creating basic presentations. They will learn how to change font, size and colour.

**Art/ DT**

Children will be focusing on their drawing. They will create pictures of miners and mining scenes using charcoal. In DT we will be designing, making and evaluating models of a coal pulley and a cart to move the coal.

**History:**

This term the children will be looking at coal mining. They will sequence changes to mining and place the events on a simple timeline. They will use primary and secondary resources to find out about life in the mines and disasters which took place.

**P.E.**

The children will have the opportunity to take part in basketball and gymnastic coaching sessions. The children will be building their basic skills to plan sequences of movement with control and agility. They will also take part in various team games such as football, dodgeball and bench ball.

**R.E.**

The children will be looking at Hinduism, including how they worship and what signs and symbols relate to this religion. They will explore the stories which are important in this religion.

**Music**

The children will be creating their own piece of music which demonstrates different sounds to represent different thoughts and emotions. They will learn and create mining songs and poems. The children will also be given the opportunity to continue with their violin lessons.

**P.S.H.E.:**

The children will be revisiting school and classroom expectations. They will be looking at New Beginnings including targets and wishes for the year. They will also do a small topic on 'Keeping Safe' in which the children will focus on Road Safety. They will be following the Friends programme to develop their confidence and resilience.

### Gentle Reminders:

- Please ensure your child's clothes are fully labelled with their name.
- As the weather is very changeable please ensure all children have suitable clothing for outdoor playtimes each day.
- Water bottles are available at £1.50.
- Your child needs to have a PE kit in school every Monday morning and left in school on your child's peg. There will be other opportunities to take part in sport related activities during the week. We will send it home frequently to be washed. PE slots will either be a Wednesday or Thursday.
- We have a visit planned this term so please let your class teacher know if you are available to help. All help is appreciated!
- The school day begins at 8:50am and ends at 3:10pm. If you are running late or need extra childcare we have the afterschool club available, which is £4 for the first hour.

### Homework

- Reading folders and homework will be given out on a Friday. These should be returned on a Monday. Please use the reading journal as a way of communicating with us about your child's reading.
- Spellings will be given out each Monday for the children to learn over the week, for a test on the Friday.

### Don't Forget ...

**We are always here to talk about anything you may be concerned about. Please don't hesitate to come speak with us.**

## Autumn 2017 Home Links

### Year 2



### Team Members

#### Teachers

Mrs Clarke, Mrs Huscroft

#### Teaching Assistant:

Miss Burnikell, Ms Brown and Miss Davison

