



Curriculum Newsletter for Wharfe Class  
2023 - 2024  
Half Term 1

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and have had time to rest and relax. We are all looking forward to teaching the children in Wharfe class this year and hope they are looking forward to the year ahead as well.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in contact by email or telephone via the school office

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Robinson, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Allanson

## Maths

### Numbers to 100

We will begin the half term by completing a unit of work on place value. The children will extend their knowledge of numbers by counting to 100, counting objects to 100 and recognising the tens and ones in numbers to 100. They will compare numbers using the skills they have learned.

We will then count in 2's, 5's and 10's before starting to learn how to count in 3's.

### Addition and Subtraction

Our second unit of work will consolidate the children's knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20 before moving on to number bonds to 100. We will then look at adding and subtracting 1 and 10 to and from a given number. The children will also add and subtract a 1-digit number to and from a 2-digit number.



We will begin our English learning with a fiction unit based on the book Orion and the Dark. The children will initially make predictions about the book. They will then write letters around the theme of the book before planning and writing their own ending to the story.

### Grammar:

Our initial focus in grammar will be on the correct use of capital letters, full stops and question marks. The children will also learn to use commas in lists and extend their writing with conjunctions.

### Reading

The children will continue to develop their reading skills through weekly guided reading sessions with the class teacher and 1:1 sessions with Mrs Allanson. Please make sure your child has their reading book in school every day.

## RE Our topic for this term is Chosen People

Our learning will include:

- Thinking of ways we are chosen (and gifted) by God
- Thinking of ways we can thank God by helping others
- Knowing that God chose Abraham and why
- Thinking about how Abraham trusted God to guide him
- Reflecting on how we trust God
- Knowing that God chose Moses to help his people
- Reflecting on how he helped his people
- Understanding that Daniel had to be brave and trust, have faith, in God
- Thinking about how important it is for us to trust in God



### Curriculum Movers and Shakers

In the Movers and Shakers topic we will be learning about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. Children will be using timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured.



**Science – Humans** - Our Science unit is a biology unit where we will learn about the basic needs of humans. The children will learn about healthy diets and the importance of exercise. They will also investigate hand hygiene.

**Art** – This half term the children will be learning about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. Children will be exploring how artists use colour in their artwork and create their own piece.

**Music**- This half term the children will participate in a singing workshop with a teacher from Bradford Music Hub.

**PHSE**- We will be looking at class rules and expectations. We will be looking closely at the virtues of respect and being thankful for others.

**PE** –P.E with Mr Gibson will be on Monday and Thursdays this half term and we will be covering gymnastics and football.

The sessions may be inside our school hall or outside depending on the nature of the lesson and the weather. We kindly ask that children come to school dressed in their PE kits on Mondays and Thursdays.



### Home support

**Reading**- Reading books will come home daily. Your child's book will be changed twice a week if they have read the book. Please continue to listen to your child read and write a comment in their reading record. We are happy to hear about books being read at home, please write the name of the book and add a comment about these too.