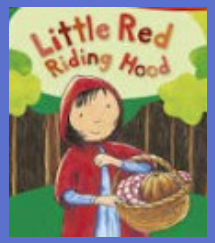
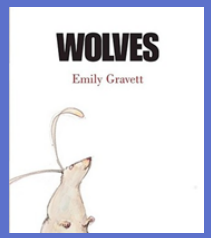
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This half term our text drivers are:







English

Writing

We will be introducing new ideas in our spelling and grammar (SPaG) sessions. The children will learn about different types of words such as nouns, adjectives and verbs and how these are used effectively in writing. We will also be introducing different sentences types such as exclamation, command, statement and questions, along with the related punctuation. The children will have many, many opportunities to practise these new skills during their time in year 2.

This half term the children will be writing a Wanted Poster (character description) for the Wolf in Little Red Riding Hood.

They will be writing recount of the day of the main character in the story What's the Time Mr Wolf? By Debi Gliorie.

We will also be sharing the story Wolves by Emily Gravett. The children will be given the chance to practise their story writing skills by writing an alternative ending for the story.

Reading

The children will be reading books closely matched to their phonic reading ability with the aim of increasing fluency, confidence and a love of reading.

We will be developing our comprehension skills to be able to talk about the books we read in more detail. We will also be running a catch up programme for those children who need it.

Maths

We will be thinking about the composition of numbers 10-100, considering the place value of these numbers.

We will then be thinking about addition and subtraction, bridging through 10. We will be thinking about subtraction as 'difference'.

RE

We will be thinking about the Christian festival of Harvest and the significance of bread at Harvest time for Christian people. We will also be learning about the Jewish Festival Shabbat. This will all be explored through the key concepts of Community and Sharing. We will end the half term with a visit to St John's Church in Marchwood for our Harvest festival when will celebrate giving thanks for God's wonderful gifts.

Science

Living things and their habitats

We will be looking at life processes and thinking about how we can tell whether something is alive, has been live but isn't anymore and was never alive. Thinking about plants and animals in local and world habitats and simple food chains.

PSHE

We will be using Heart Smart and My Happy Mind to help us to reflect our value of love and become more aware of how we feels ourselves and how our actions can make other people feel. We will be reminding ourselves what it means to be Heart Smart!

Art

In Art we will be experimenting with shading and hatching techniques, building up to sketching and shading our own drawing of a wolf.



DT

In DT we will be making bread linked to our topic about the Harvest and the symbolism of bread.



PE

PE this half term will focus on cooperative team games and the 5 fundamental movement skills.

This half term we'll be working hard to improve our footwork and balance.

On a Thursday we'll be using the apparatus in the hall to help improve our all round body strength and coordination.

Music

Our music unit is called Dragons! The children will learn about dynamics and tempo. The children will learn how to distinguish different instruments in music and how music illustrates the composers ideas.

Geography

We will be learning simple mapping skills by mapping the route of a fictitious wolf in the local area. We will learning about physical and human features in the environment.

Computing

We will be thinking about computing systems and networks and considering what IT there is around us.

As well as thinking about how to keep safe online.