



STREET DETECTIVES

Summer 1 2025



Topic

Our Year 2 focus this half term will be a geography - based topic concentrating on our local area. Children will explore the location of Marske in relation to county, region, country and continent. Children will investigate Marske-By-The-Sea by going on a class walk around the locality: exploring its main physical and human features. Children will look at simple maps and explore their basic keys.

Children will also learn about the local history of Marske through its buildings and how and why they have changed over time. Children will use vocabulary related to chronology to talk about the past and will learn how and why people were treated differently. As part of their topic work children will explore the work of the artist LS Lowry. They will learn about the techniques used by Lowry and will try to recreate these within their own work.

Reading

Please continue to support your child's reading journey at home. Regular reading and listening to stories and texts is the key to success across our whole school curriculum. Please record your child's reading in their reading record so they can continue to be rewarded with certificates and the opportunity to win reading prizes. As your child reads please ask them questions about the text they have read, to check their understanding. Once your child has read their home reading book please remind them to change this in school.

This half-term we will send comprehension-based home learning tasks. Please encourage your child to find and underline the evidence within the texts as this is the practice taught to children within school.

Computing

In computing this half-term children will begin to look at how to make music digitally using the program 2Sequence. Children will explore, edit and combine sounds and will add sounds to a tune to improve a piece of music. Children will consider how music is used to express feelings.



Home Learning



In year, children will be provided with weekly homework and spellings to learn. These will **go out on a Friday** and must be **returned on the following Wednesday**. We ask that you support your children where possible and ask for support should you require it.

As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments. These include Purple Mash and Times Tables Rock Stars. These can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website.

Children can practise their recall of number facts: times tables, number bonds and doubling and halving using the interactive game on: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Maths

In maths, children will consolidate their understanding of Multiplication as well as Mass, Capacity and Temperature. They will also start to explore Fractions. Children will be introduced to the terms 'parts' and 'whole' as well as equal and unequal parts. Children will be able to recognise a half / a quarter of a shape and will then explore finding a half / a quarter of an amount. Finally, children will move onto recognising and finding a third.

English

Children will explore how and why instructions are used and will investigate the main features of instructions. Children will then use this information to write their own set of instruction based around how to make a healthy pasta salad (linking with their Science work and their previous learning in PSHE.) Children will then investigate the main features of a non-chronological report (leaflet). They will use all the information they have collected about Marske during their topic work to create their own fascinating fact-based leaflet about the local area.

Science

This half-term children will consolidate their learning about plants: during this unit of work children have learned about different types of plants, how plants grow, and the conditions needed for them to grow healthily. Children will conduct experiments to explore how plants grow and change.

P.E.

Year 2 pupils will be focussing on jumping as well as developing their racket and ball skills this half term. Please can children come to school dressed in their PE kits on Tuesdays and Thursdays.