



Happy New Year! I hope that you have all enjoyed the festive season and that the children are looking forward to another exciting half term of learning.

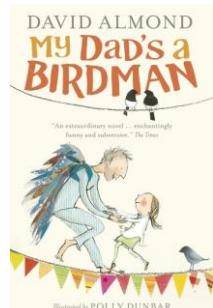
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For changes in pick up/drop offs, medical appointments or absence, please phone or email the school office.

### The Curriculum

#### English

This half term we will be reading the David Almond story '*My Dad's a Birdman*.' The children will continue to develop their writing skills and will be turning their hand to letter writing and creating their own adverts!



#### Spelling

Each week, we will practice the following spellings in school each day. If you feel that it would be helpful for your child to practice them at home, these are the dates we will begin looking at each set.

5.1.26	12.1.26	19.1.26	26.1.26	2.2.26	9.2.26
anticlockwise antisocial antibiotic anti-aging	automatic autobiography autograph autopilot	famous various curious furious serious	school choir stomach echo	tongue league antique unique	science muscle scene scissors

#### Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing to look at Multiplication and Division over the next few weeks. Then we will be moving on to finding the perimeter of shapes.

The children will continue to use their Times Table booklets and it has been fantastic to see their enthusiasm towards gaining their bronze, silver and gold badges. As always, please encourage the children to keep their times table facts fresh by practicing on TT Rockstars. They should all have a username and password. Please let me know if they need a reminder.

#### Science

We will be completing our work on States of Matter and then beginning to look at Sound.

#### Geography

In topic we will be starting a Geography topic, looking at Volcanos and Earthquakes. I'm sure the children will be excited to dive in to this!



#### French

After brief revision of the alphabet, the children will learn days of the week and months of the year, enabling the children to talk about dates and birthdays. Children will be introduced to some simple

verbs in the infinitive form and learn that verb endings change depending on the subject – just as they do in English!

### Art

In art, we will be looking at the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and replicating his style in our work.



### P.E.

Our P.E. days are Monday and Thursday. They will be developing their throwing and catching skills through handball and working on fitness and health through work on circuits.

Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Monday and Thursday mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

### Home Learning

Home Learning will come out on :

- One weekly reading book
- One set of half termly optional maths tasks
- One set of half termly optional English tasks
- One termly home learning project.

### Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on Monday. I will send children with one book for the week. Whilst I know many children are beginning to enjoy reading for pleasure by themselves, please keep encouraging them to read aloud to you. Children are welcome to record their own reading in their reading record. I love to hear what they have been enjoying!

### Library

The children will visit the library on Monday and will be able to borrow one book per week.

### Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

### Dates for the diary

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January – KS2 Addingham Cross Country

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Ashlands Cross Country

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Parent Workshops

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – End of term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Return to school