

Computing: In computing, the children will be finding out more about the technology that is around us.

Art: In art, children will be investigating collage techniques through the work of Romare Bearden, focusing on colour mixing and creating texture using different tools.

Music: In music, children will use instruments to represent animals, copying rhythms and creating call and response rhythms. They will practice and perform, using a range of instruments, as part of a group, using the right tempos, volumes, and sounds.

R.E: Children will explore the theme of gratitude and how it is expressed in different ways. They will learn about how Christians and Hindus show thanks to God, especially during harvest celebrations, and express their own ideas about gratitude through music and stories.

P.S.H.E: This half term in PSHE, the children will be finding out more about the brain and learning about how they can look after their minds.

Haydon Abbey School and Pre-School

Year 2: Autumn 1 2026

P.E Days:
Monday and Thursday



Indoor PE – Gymnastics
Outside PE – Fundamental
Movement Skills

Geography

Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?



Over the half term, children will learn to name and locate the seven continents, the Equator, and the North and South Poles on a world map. They will explore and identify countries with hot and cold climates, recognising the key physical features of these regions. As part of their learning, they will compare the UK with Kenya, developing an understanding of the similarities and differences in weather, landscape, and ways of life. Children will also investigate different types of weather around the world, using key geographical vocabulary to describe conditions and explain whether a place has a hot or cold climate. They will learn what hot and cold places are like and where they are found on a map.

Key words:

Country, continent, climate, Equator, polar, human features, physical features



Maths:



Children will begin by exploring number and place value. They will learn how to recognise tens and ones and also partition numbers flexibly. Children will then begin to apply their knowledge to a range of problems.

Children will then recap addition and subtraction, including strategies for crossing a 10. They will also learn how to apply this to word and missing number problems.

Reading:

The children take part in a Phonics lesson each day. The children also read in small groups three times a week, these lessons focus on sounding out, prosody and comprehension.

Please encourage your child to read their book at home each night.

Writing:

This half term in Year 2 writing lessons, the children will be using the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' as a focus text.

In the first week, they will revisit and consolidate key writing skills learned in Year 1. Following this, they will explore a variety of setting descriptions, using these as inspiration to create their own.

Towards the end of the term, the children will focus on writing a first-person recount based on a section of the story, developing their understanding of narrative voice.

Please encourage your child to write short sentences or short stories at home.

Science:

Habitats

Over this half term, the children will be learning all about habitats. They will explore how different animals and plants are suited to the places they live and match living things to their habitats. They will also learn how animals use their habitat for food and shelter. Children will begin to understand simple food chains, placing producers at the start and using arrows to show the flow of energy. They will also learn to sort objects into groups such as alive, once alive, or never alive, and carry out simple research to help answer scientific questions.

Key words:

Alive, depend, food chain, predator, prey, shelter, energy