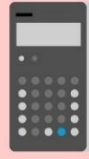
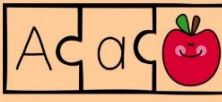


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 ENGLISH	Our writing topic will be based around <i>Pirates Love Underpants</i>. The children will use the characters as inspiration to write their own character descriptions, using interesting adjectives to describe appearance, personality and actions. We will consolidate Year 1 grammar and punctuation and introduce Year 2 learning, including expanded noun phrases, commas, capital letters and full stops.	 MATHS	Place value The children will learn to count within 100, partition numbers into tens and ones, and write, order and compare numbers. Addition and subtraction The children will develop their number bonds to 20 and 100, use number sentences and check their calculations. They will also add and subtract 1s and 10s, including crossing 10.
 SCIENCE	Our science topic this half term is 'plants'. We will be learning about different seeds and bulbs and what they need to grow and stay healthy. The children will use their scientific enquiry skills to carry out an investigation about what plants need. During forest schools, the children will continue to learn about plants and plant their own seeds.	 COMPUTING	In this unit, children will learn what computers are, how they work and how different devices can be used to help us complete tasks.
 GEOGRAPHY	Our Geography topic this half term is 'magical mapping' where we will be learning to devise sketch maps of familiar areas and use a key to show features on a map. We will also be learning to use simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and to use directional language to describe features on a map.	 ART	Our Art focus is craft and design and we will be using our Geography topic as inspiration to create a craft based around 'mapping'.
 PHONICS	We will be recapping the Level 5 sounds your child has learned in year 1. We will then begin learning Level 6 sounds and spelling rules.	 MUSIC	Our music topic of 'musical me' will support the children to read simple musical notation and recognise how musical notes relate to pitch. They will develop their skills to support them to draw high and low sounds using dots and recognise missing notes on a staff.
 P.S.H.E	In this unit, my healthy self, children will learn how to look after their bodies by making healthy choices, keeping clean and understanding the importance of exercise, sleep and a balanced diet.	 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	This half term's question is "Why do we need to give thanks?" The children will be able to identify reasons that people may be thankful and how this is expressed. They will learn about Christianity and Hinduism and how their followers may show gratitude.
 P.E	Dance – Explorers The children will develop their ability to create characters, using movement, expression and emotion in their performance. Dodging The children will learn how, where and why to dodge, developing their understanding of attacking and defending.		