

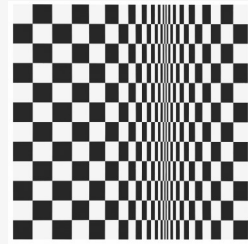
Creative Curriculum We begin our learning journey looking at optical illusions and end producing artwork and monologue performances for the Big Arts. Two artists, Bridget Riley and Louise Baldwin, will inspire our own work in Op Art and collage. Both artists use ordinary things as their starting points, transforming the mundane into something beautiful.

### English

Our first genre this half term is biography, practising note-taking as part of the writing journey. We will then use drama techniques to build exciting vocabulary for our monologues, giving a voice to an inanimate object. There will be a dedicated grammar and spelling lesson each week as well as daily reading activities.

Maths We continue to multiply and divide this half term, moving onto written methods and then using those skills to solve problems about area. At the end of the half term we will introduce our fractions topic which is the main focus after the holidays.

Please can we ask for your support in practising times tables at home, as little and often is the key to the children becoming fluent with multiplication and division facts.



## More Than Meets the Eye

### Important dates

**Monday 31st January 5.30- Virtual parent meeting about Northumberland Residential.**

W.b. 31st January—Big Arts Week

Home learning Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated. The children should again aim to complete six tasks from the homework grid this half term, including at least one Maths and one English task.

Spelling tests will continue on Tuesdays.

Please continue to encourage your child to read on at least four separate days each week, either independently or with an adult. The reading can be recorded by your child, with an adult signing once a week.

PE Swimming—Tuesdays. Outdoor games—Wednesdays. Please make sure your child has the correct kit on these days, and trainers every day for other outdoor activities.

### Art & Design Technology

We will experiment with optical illusion to produce our Bridget Riley inspired piece. We will then use techniques incorporating textiles to produce 3D work starting with an ordinary object.

Music We will be learning how to play the Ukulele, being taught by Mr Jolly from Stockport Music Services.

Computing Our main focus this half term is Animation using Purple Mash which can as usual be accessed at home. We will also discuss staying safe from scams and limiting screen time.

PSHE This half term we will think about risk, secrets and resisting peer pressure as well as antisocial behaviour. Our anti-bullying work will involve discussion about disability..