



Year 2 Weekly Newsletter

Week Ending: Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to kindly ask you to keep your children next to you on the playground in the mornings before doors open and, in the afternoon, after you have picked them up. Children are **not allowed** to go into the spinney area without a member of staff's supervision. Recently we have had a few accidents where children hurt one another with sticks. Thank you for your understanding.

We have also noticed that quite a few children come to school wearing lace up shoes. If your child prefers these types of footwear, please teach them how to tie their shoe laces. Thank you for your cooperation.

Literacy Our focused book is "One Plastic Bag". We will create a leaflet as part of our independent writing.	Numeracy Learning about 3D shapes and completing an end of unit assessment.	Topic This half term in RE we will be learning about Sikhism and in PSHE we will be talking about healthy and safer lifestyles. In PE we will continue to practise ball skills and dancing skills. In Art children will be doing printing and observational drawing. In music we listen to reggae music. In Geography we will learn about compasses.
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Homework

Please complete homework in the green homework book and make sure your child hands it in no later than Wednesday each week. Marked books will be returned to them on Friday each week.

Reading Please read with your child regularly and fill in the reading chart.	CLIC Learn-its Our learn-its are: $6 \times 5 = 30$ $7 \times 5 = 35$ $8 \times 5 = 40$ $9 \times 5 = 45$
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	10x5=50
<p>Spelling Children will have their next spelling test on Friday (18th March). Sometimes these words might be repeated because some children are still not secure with them. smiling, hopping, going, went, played</p>	<p>Literacy challenge. Please see the reading challenge below. You can write the answers straight into your homework books.</p>

Reading Challenge!

A Country Walk



Introduction

In this text you will be reading about going on a country walk. The first page tells you about maps, then there is a map of the country walk that you will be following.

Find this map, and point to the Car Park where the walk starts. Then follow the arrows with your finger all the way round. Make sure that you look at the box in the corner of the page, which has pictures or symbols in it.

Practice questions

A On the map, where does the walk start?

Tick **one**.

at the farm

at the Car Park

at the castle

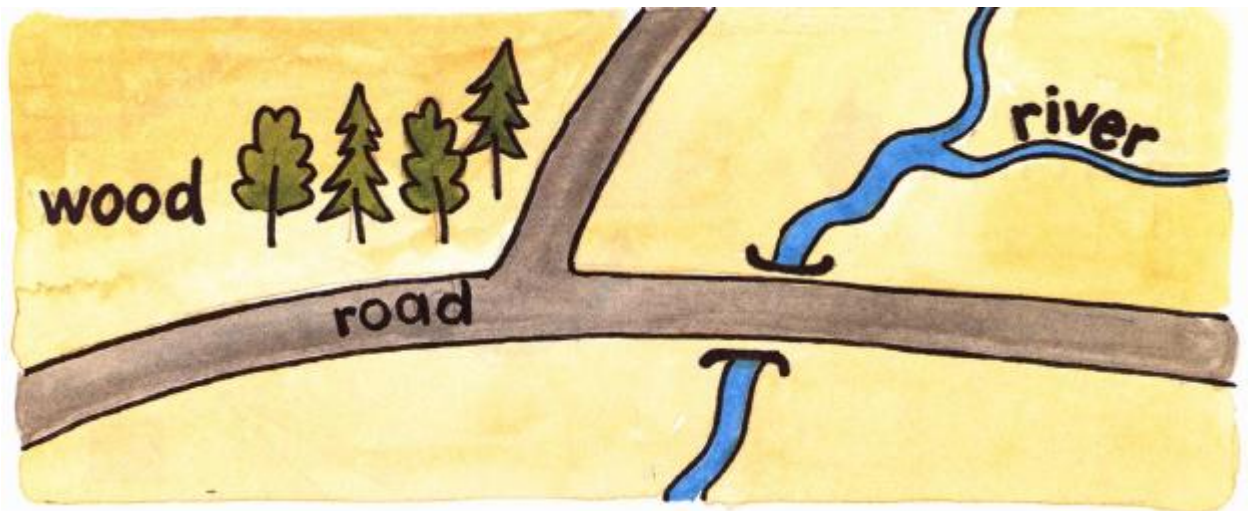
at the Old Mill
Pond

B Where is the box with the pictures or symbols in it?

Maps

A map is a picture of the land drawn from above.

Some maps have pictures or symbols drawn on them. These show where things such as woods, rivers or roads are.



1 A map is like a picture of the land drawn from

Tick **one**.

below.

in front.

above.

the side.

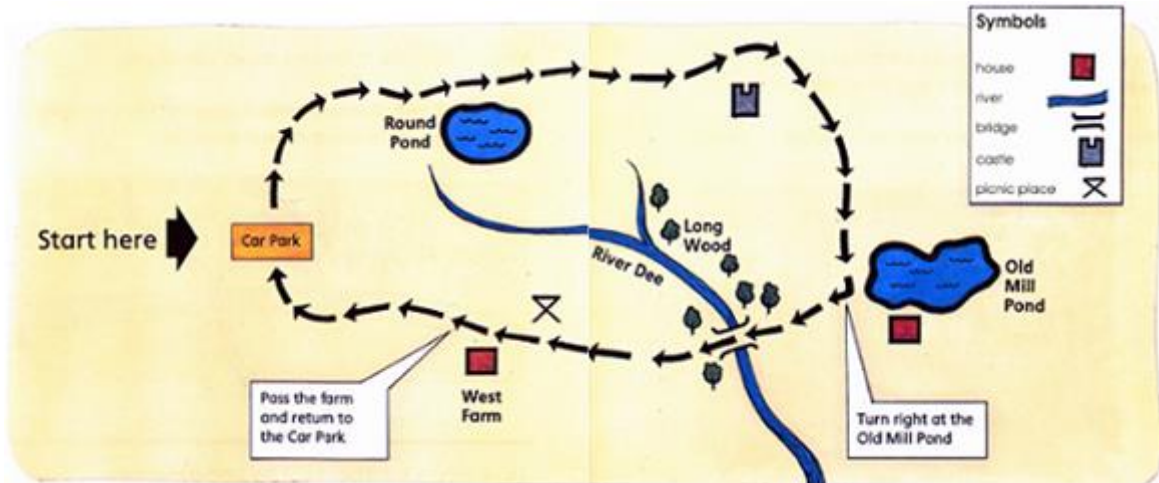
2 Which **three** things does it say that the symbols on maps can show?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Country walk



3 Where do you go next after Round Pond?

Tick **one**.

to the castle

to the Car Park

to the River
Dee

to West Farm

4 Where does the map say you turn right?

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5 What is the name of the river on the map?

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6 Where is the picnic place?

Tick **one**.

near Round Pond

in the Car Park

by West Farm

near the Old Mill Pond

About the walk

The walk takes about 2 hours. It is not too hilly, but there can be mud. It is best to wear strong shoes or boots.

There is a picnic place near West Farm. The farm also sells cold drinks.



7 Why is it best to wear strong shoes or boots?

8 What can you buy at West Farm?

Tick **one**.

flowers

butter

drinks

eggs

What to look for

If you follow the walk there is plenty to see. In Long Wood you might see rabbits or birds.

In spring, there are bluebells and other wild flowers by the castle. In winter, there are holly berries. Along the River Dee you can watch people fishing.



9 *If you follow the walk there is plenty to see.*

What does the word *plenty* mean?

10 What grows by the castle **in winter**?

Tick **one**.

bluebells

nuts

wild flowers

holly
berries

The castle

Newton Castle is 600 years old. Not much of the castle is left. You can tell where the kitchens were because you can still see where the great fires were lit.

There are steps going up inside the thick stone walls.



The old mill

There used to be a mill next to the Old Mill Pond. People carried corn there to be made into flour.

The mill once had a large water wheel.



11 In the castle, where were the great fires lit?

Tick **one**.

in the kitchens

on the steps

in the bedrooms

by the Old Mill Pond

12 Where did the mill use to be?

The Country Code

When you go for a walk in the country, try to follow these rules.
They are part of the Country Code.

1. Keep to the paths.
2. Close the gates behind you.
3. Do not break branches or pull up flowers.
4. Do not drop litter.



13 What are these rules for the countryside called?

14 What should you shut behind you on a walk?

15 You should not drop

Tick **one**.

flowers.

litter.

gates.

berries.

Optional homework activities:

1. In Science we are learning about plants. Can you plant something at home and write a set of instructions about it?
2. Draw a picture of your favourite plant and label the different parts. (root, stem, bud)
3. In Maths we are learning about shape. Go on a shape hunt around your house. Can you find any objects that are; cube or cuboid shaped, cones, cylinders, pyramids, spheres or prisms. What shape are the faces on these 3D shapes? i.e. a cube has six square faces.
4. In music we are listening to reggae music. Listen to a piece of reggae and write down your thought and feelings.