

Class 2 Newsletter - Autumn 2.



Dear parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. This half term will be very busy as we lead up to Christmas!

Our topic this term continues to be about the postal service and houses.

In literacy we will be reading Katie Morag Delivers the Mail and write a non-fiction leaflet about the island of Struay using the island map as stimulus. We will read The Jolly Christmas Postman and write a series of letters and postcards from different fairy-tale characters. Children will then read and compare the characters in the traditional fairy tale, Hansel and Gretel and Baba Yaga, which is a traditional tale from another culture. Children will be asked to think about and discuss the similarities and differences between the two tales with particular focus on the houses, characters and plot of each story. They will have the opportunity to use drama through story and use freeze frames to retell scenes from a traditional tale. The children will then use their writing skills to develop an alternative ending to the story and begin to improve their writing in the past tense.

I appreciate your support in helping your child learn their weekly spellings and have noticed an increase in spelling results. Please remember to use your child's reading diary to comment on your child's progression and any other comments you feel necessary. It would be appreciated if you sign and date the diary to show you have listened to your child read. I will continue to set homework for each half term as ongoing revision linked to arithmetic skills, as I am pleased with the children's progress and the impact it has had on their progression and recall of facts.

In maths, we will begin to use multiplication, division, money, fractions, shape, measurement and time whilst developing our reasoning skills to solve problems. All of the activities will be practical and engaging whilst challenging your children.

During computing sessions, children will use iPads and laptops; they will use word processors, Kodable app and begin to think about the importance of e-safety.

In history we will be looking at homes from the past. This topic will allow the children to explore how household appliances have changed over recent years and how the structure of houses have transformed. The children will be given the opportunity to handle artefacts as well as experience an educational visit to Beamish Museum on Tuesday 11 December (more information to follow). During the visit the children will take part in a Christmas workshop and discover how Christmas was celebrated in the 18 and 1900's.

Our design and technology project will be to design and construct a new house for 'The Fairies' as we found some fairy items in the school grounds and the children were eager to build them a new home within the school field to keep them safe. The children will then evaluate their designs and final products.

Class 2's PE days are now Monday and Friday mornings. We are privileged to have a coach work with us on a Friday morning who will support the children during gymnastic sessions.

Over the next couple of weeks children will be given their roles for the Christmas performance. I would appreciate it if you could help your child in learning their lines.

Thanks for reading; I appreciate your continuing support.

Mrs Bradwell / Class 2.

