

Class 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter



Welcome to our first class newsletter; I hope this will be a normal term and that the children will enjoy their first *complete* school year at last! We certainly have a busy half-term ahead of us and we are looking forward to lots of exciting learning over the next few weeks.

Our overall topic this term is *Animals* and we are linking our learning to this theme as much as possible.

English

Y1 will focus upon phonics, spelling and sentence construction. They will also practise their writing skills in both fiction and non-fiction genres. We will have daily handwriting practice using the *Letter-join* scheme.

Y2 will explore both fiction and non-fiction texts and they will have the opportunity to write stories and reports. There will be a strong emphasis upon handwriting this half-term. ***Please note that Y2 children will complete the Y1 Phonics Screen towards the end of this term as national assessments were cancelled in June due to lockdown; more details will be provided in the next newsletter.***

Half-termly spellings will be given out on Monday 6th September; you will notice that dates are given when the words will be tested so please encourage your child to practise at home.

Maths

Both Y1 and Y2 will continue to practise their computation skills (addition and subtraction) and there will be a continued emphasis upon place value. We will develop our ability to solve problems and use our reasoning skills.

Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching Science this half-term and the children will be investigating the basic needs of all animals, including humans. They will also classify animals as mammals, reptiles etc.

Art

In Art we will be exploring, designing and making sculptures of animals using clay. We will also be using our artistic skills to continue to develop our classroom environment.

RE

Again, Miss Jewett will be teaching R.E. and the topic is *What can we learn from the story of St Cuthbert?*

Music

Mrs Coulls, our specialist music teacher, will be delivering lessons with a focus upon beat, rhythm, pace, pitch and volume. We will also build upon these lessons in class by learning lots of new songs about animals!

ICT

In ICT we will be discussing the use of computers and technology in our homes and we will be programming Beebots. Of course, there will be an ongoing emphasis upon how we keep ourselves safe online using the *Lee and Kim* learning tool.

PE

Our PE days are **Mondays** and **Fridays**. Miss Jewett will teach PE on a Monday (games skills) and I will teach PE on a Friday (gymnastics). ***Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing his/her PE kit on the allocated days.***

PSHE

In PSHE we will be discussing classroom rules and expectations and setting our personal targets for the year ahead. We will also think about our feelings, people who are special to us and the importance of being a good friend.

History

In History we will be exploring places in our locality which have a special historical significance.

Spanish

In Spanish we will enjoy learning basic greetings, colours and numbers to 10.

Homework

Children will be given a piece of Maths homework linked to the current topic and they will be given a written piece of work linked to their spellings. This will be given out on a Thursday to be completed by the following Wednesday. Reading books will be changed on a Thursday; please ensure that reading folders are brought into school on Mondays.

Water bottles

Please send in a water bottle each day for your child. Bottles are available from the school office for £1.50; they are particularly suitable as they don't spill if they are knocked over! Only these bottles are allowed in class for this reason; other bottles are left in the cloakroom.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have already shown your child so far in our school and to ask you to contact me if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns. I look forward to working with you and your family.

Miss Forth