

Class 2 Class Newsletter

Welcome back!

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term, I hope everyone has had an enjoyable October break and is ready for the busy half term ahead of us. This term is filled with plenty of fun things to look forward to...trips, Christmas crafts, concerts, magicians, parties and of course lots of fantastic learning each and every day. Below is a brief overview of the areas we will be covering in class, any problems or questions then please do not hesitate to pop in and see one of us.

Core subjects

In Maths, we will be covering addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers, recognising the value of money, finding totals and giving change as well as an introduction to multiplication and division. We will be working on how to apply our maths skills and answer more challenging Maths word problems.

In English, we will be Reading 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr. From this story we will complete lots of writing tasks, writing descriptions using adjectives, expanded noun phrases, adverbs and conjunctions. We will also be looking at writing for different purposes ,instructional writing, diary entries, full stories as well as our weekly news writing on a Monday morning where the children have the opportunity to tell us about their weekend adventures! We will be continuing to encourage the children to use full stops, capital letters, question and exclamation marks. We will be giving plenty of credits out for super handwriting and letter formation too over the next few weeks.

In Science, our topic is Animal and their Habitats which links with our school trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park this week. We will be thinking about the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive. We will be researching the different environments animals live and the things they need to stay alive. We will be taking part in some fabulous experiments and using our prediction skills to help us.

Wider Curriculum 'Let the Good Times Roll'

Geography- comparing our local area of Pontefract to another town in a different continent, looking at maps, using a compass for directions and thinking about the animals that may live in the differing areas.

History- Celebrations: Guy Fawkes, The Gunpowder Plot, Remembrance Day and celebrations personal to us such as Christmas and Birthdays.

Art- Christmas crafts and decorations

DT- designing, making and evaluating a festive biscuit

RE- comparing the celebrations of Judaism and Christianity

Computing- using creative programmes and Microsoft Word to produce Christmas pictures as well as a picture of a Tiger linking to our class book for the half term.

PE- dance with Elite (Thursday), Fitness and Ball skills (Monday or Wednesday)

PSHCE- being healthy and looking after ourselves

Homework We begin official weekly homework after Christmas, a weekly Literacy and Numeracy but for now the following will be sent each week...

- **Reading** -please try to listen to your child read at least twice, send reading diaries and books into school each day to be in with a chance to win our reading raffle at the end of the half term.
- **Rainbow Passport** – tested on Tuesdays and Fridays, send full packs into school if you would like them updated as to the progress your child has made.
- **Spellings and Phonics**- Given out on Thursdays and tested the following week.
- **Half term topic homework**- to be completed by the final week of term (see attached letter)



P.E.

-Monday pm (sometimes
Weds weather depending)

-Thursday pm

Please ensure the correct kit is sent into school and left in school all week. Kit that is labelled with names is even more helpful for changing times!

How you can help your child:

-Listen to them read as much as possible and talk about what they have read, read a range of books, stories and comics at home.

-Practise their weekly spellings and have a go at putting them into sentences too.

-Practise Rainbow Passports

- Practise number bonds to 10/20/100 say them quickly.

-Learn the 2, 5 and 10 times tables off by heart and say them quickly and related division facts.

Key dates-

- Yorkshire Wildlife Park Tuesday 12th November.
- Children in need Friday 15th November.
- Christmas Fair Friday 6th December
- Christmas performances 16th December (pm), 17th December (am)
- Thursday 19th- KS1 Party and magician in the am –details to follow