

Class 2 Autumn 1 Newsletter



Welcome to the first class newsletter of the school year! 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 .

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.

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.

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.

R.E.

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!

I.C.T.

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.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Miss Jewett will teach P.E. supported by Miss Hardie on a Monday (games skills) and on a Thursday I will teach P.E. (gymnastics, again supported by Miss Hardie). *Please ensure that your child has his / her P.E. kit on the allocated days.*

P.H.S.C.E.

In P.H.S.C.E. we will be looking at new beginnings, discussing class expectations and setting our personal targets for the year ahead.

History

In History we will be exploring places in our locality which have a special historical significance. There could be some links with R.E. here!

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 meeting you.

Miss T. Forth