

Class 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter

Welcome to the second class newsletter of the school year! We certainly had a busy half-term and we are looking forward to lots of exciting learning in the build up to Christmas.

We are very lucky this half-term as we have a PGCE student from Durham University who will be completing her first teacher training placement with us. Miss Boden will be working mainly with Y1 for English and Maths and she will teach some Foundation subjects to all of Class 2. Miss Boden will continue to work with us in January.



English

Y1 will continue to focus upon phonics, spelling and sentence construction. They will also practise their writing skills in both non-fiction and fiction genres, including poetry, stories and instructions.

Y2 will also explore a range of text-types and there will be a strong emphasis upon grammar and punctuation this half-term.

Class 2 will have the opportunity to practise their speaking and listening skills when they rehearse for and perform in our Christmas play which will be very exciting! There will be more news about this later.



Maths

Both Y1 and Y2 will continue to practise their computation skills and there will be a continued emphasis upon learning number bonds by heart. We will develop our ability to solve problems and to use multiplication. We will also be investigating 2D and 3D shapes and symmetry.



Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching Science again this half-term and the children will continue to investigate the basic needs of all animals, including humans. They have investigated animals from the rainforest / jungle and they will now have the opportunity to explore animals which live in the North Pole.



Geography

In Geography we will learn about the continents and oceans that make up the world with particular emphasis on the Arctic regions. Our role-play area will have a very definite polar theme this half-term.



DT

In DT our focus is textiles. We will be designing and making puppets of animals, either those found in our local area or in the Arctic. We will also be creating beautiful art for our classroom displays and of course we will be making Christmas cards to share with our families!



RE

Again, Miss Jewett will be teaching RE and the topic will be how Christians use light at Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



Music

This half-term we will be practising singing in unison, using our Christmas performance as the basis for our lessons. We will develop our range of warm-up exercises to ensure that our voices are at their best!



ICT

In ICT this half-term we will continue learning how to create simple programs and how to keep ourselves safe online. We will also practise using technology in order to create, store and retrieve information.



PE

Our PE days are now **Mondays** and **Fridays**. Miss Jewett will teach PE on a Monday and on a Friday, PE will be delivered by an external coach who will be teaching gymnastics. *Please ensure that your child has his / her PE kit on the allocated days.*



PSHCE

In PSHCE we will be exploring the importance of Remembrance Day and we will discuss issues surrounding bullying, including cyber-bullying. We will also consider the lives of people less fortunate than ourselves when we participate in Children in Need activities.



After school club

Dancing lessons will be held on Thursdays from 3.15 to 4.15. There are still some places available should your child wish to join this exciting new club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to give a particular 'shout out' to Y1 who have adapted so well to the challenges of Class 2! I look forward to seeing you at our Parent-Teacher meetings in the near future.

Miss Forth