

## Class 2 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2020



Welcome to the second class newsletter of the school year! I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and also to congratulate the children, particularly those in Year 1, who have adapted so well to our 'new normal'. These continue to be uncertain times but please be reassured that we are as safe as we can be in our cosy class bubble!

### **English**

Y1 will continue to focus upon phonics, spelling and sentence construction, with further emphasis on punctuation. They will also practise their writing skills in both fiction and non-fiction genres, including poetry and instructions. We will have daily phonics lessons in order to catch up / revise sounds taught in Class 1.

Y2 will explore both fiction and non-fiction texts and they will have the opportunity to write poetry, reports and instructions. They will also continue to access daily phonics lessons in order to revise previously taught sounds and catch up with work missed due to lockdown. *Y2 will be formally assessed on their phonic knowledge before Christmas.*

### **Maths**

Both Y1 and Y2 will continue to practise their computation skills (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and there will be a continued emphasis upon place value. We will also explore the properties of shapes.

### **Science**

Again, Miss Jewett will be teaching Science this half-term and the children will be investigating materials.

### **R.E.**

Miss Jewett will be teaching R.E. and the children will discuss why gifts are given at Christmas.

### **I.C.T.**

In ICT we will be practising keyboard skills, using iPads to take photographs and creating video messages.

### **P.E.**

Our P.E. day is now **Friday**; *children are to come to school dressed in their PE kits please.* A specialist coach will deliver gymnastics lessons.

### **PSHE**

In PSHE we will participate in national events such as Remembrance Day, Children in Need and Anti-bullying Week.

## **Spanish**

In Spanish we will continue to practise counting to ten and using simple greetings. We will learn simple colour names.

## **Geography**

In Geography we will be exploring the local area virtually and looking at different types of houses. We will also learn how to write our addresses correctly.

## **DT**

In DT Miss Jewett will be discussing healthy eating and food hygiene; the children will then create and prepare their own delicious fruit salads!

Of course, we will also practise our DT skills when making Christmas cards and crafts in December.

## **Reading books /Spellings/Homework**

Books will continue to be changed only once a week on a **Monday** or **Tuesday** by Miss Jewett who will also listen to each child read. Due to quarantining requirements, only **one** book will be given out on a **Thursday** to be returned the following week; there will be no library books available until further notice. Spellings will be given out on a Monday to be tested the following Monday. I have sent this half-term's spellings out to practise at home. I have also sent lists of Common Exception Words for children to practise; these will be randomly tested at the end of every half-term.

We have purchased an online homework resource which we are currently adapting for our school's needs; more details will follow.

I am often asked by parents and carers what their child/children could do at home to support their learning; I always say that children should read as much as possible (including comics, notices and labels), practise their spellings and handwriting and, for Y1 children, to count to 20 forwards and backwards and for Y2 children to count in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 to prepare for learning times tables. I hope this helps!

Thank you

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