



Class 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. This newsletter is to tell you about the work and activities that your child will be doing over this term in Class 2. We have a really exciting term planned for the children. You will of course be finding out about planned trips and visitors in the near future.

English and MFL

Speaking and listening activities are crucial to each unit of work and are always incorporated into our lessons. Your child will be studying a range of both fiction and non-fiction texts this term. Our first unit of work is Traditional Tales. In writing we will cover a range of texts including poetry, persuasive writing and explanation texts. Bug Club is an online reading programme and can be accessed at home. It is fabulous for children of all abilities but especially for children who are not fluent readers yet or struggle with comprehension when you ask them questions about stories they have read. You will find your child makes rapid progress if they are able to access the programme at least three times a week at home.

Please encourage your child to practise their cursive handwriting at home. This style will encourage your child to join their writing. Please do not hesitate to ask for a sample to be sent home so your child can practise. As you can see this is an example of the style of writing we are aiming for.

The new National Curriculum includes statutory spelling rules and lists for each year group. Your child will be given a new set of spellings each week and will be tested on these every Friday.

We will send a reading book home with every child and your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book every day. Please ensure your child reads their book at home to consolidate their learning.

I am delighted to inform you that the children are learning a great deal from our French Language Assistant. I am sure the children will continue to learn a range of sounds, skills and conversational French this term.

Mathematics

Mathematics groups continue to work well across the school. In mathematics the children are looking at numbers and the number system, calculations, solving problems, shape, space and measures and data handling. There is a great emphasis on mental mathematics and calculations this year. Mathematics homework will be sent home each week and should be completed and returned by the following Tuesday.

Science

Our first Science topic this term is Rocks, Fossils and Soils. This will be followed by a topic on Forces. Science lessons will be practical and interactive as far as possible.

R.E.

We start the year with a topic called Journeys. This topic is followed by a topic called Listening and Sharing which will then lead on to a topic called Giving All leading up to Easter. Children will be assessed during the last topic this term.

Topic

We have got some very exciting topics planned for this term. Throughout the whole of this next term we will incorporate Computing, Art, Design and Technology, History and Geography into topics entitled "What Happened Once Upon A Time?" with a focus on the Egyptians and "What Makes Britain Great?" We will also continue to have themed topic weeks throughout the term including "Asia Week" and "Fairtrade fortnight".

Music

We are fortunate to be able to work with Sofia from The Sage this term. Work in music includes singing and playing a range of percussion instruments.

P.E.

This is on a Tuesday morning and Friday afternoon. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 will be going swimming every Tuesday morning. All children will need swimming costumes, towel and swimming hat. Children need to be in school for registration at 8.50am. Please ensure children have their full P.E. kits with them in school at all times. P.E. kits should include black or navy shorts, white t-shirt and appropriate footwear such as plimsolls or trainers. Outdoor shoes will be needed, as we will try to get out as much as possible depending on the weather.

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to have a drinks bottle in school at all times. Please send in an empty water bottle so they can be filled with cool water. These should go home each night so they can be washed ready for the next day.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child as we progress through the rest of the school year please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss L Macdonald

