

## Class 2 Topic Letter Spring Term 2 2020

Mrs Fortescue supported by Miss Clark (Monday-Thursday)

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**In Literacy** your child will be reading and writing and learning poems by heart. Following this they will be reading and writing non-chronological reports. Through this work the children will also be focussing on the use of punctuation, simple, compound and complex sentences and conjunctions which express time and cause. The children will also be involved in an exciting project led by James Tait and Bailiffgate Museum, this will involve the children writing their own legends and songs using local dialect words which will eventually be developed into our Summer show.

**Homework:** The homework books are working well and overall the children are well motivated to complete these. Thank you for your assistance in helping us to ensure that all pupils are the best they can be. The children will now also be bringing weekly spellings home, we are learning these in school but the children are also expected to learn these at home and then to apply these spellings correctly in their independent work. There will be a test on a Monday. Daily reading with your child is also important.

**In Numeracy** your child will be deepening their understanding of multiplication, division, fractions. They will also be learning about length, perimeter, area and mass and capacity. **It is very important that children learn their times tables** as they are vital to making progress in maths now and through Secondary school. This academic year the Government will be testing all Y4 children on their times tables (June 2020).



**Remember to help your child to learn their times tables they can use Sumdog at home as there is a specific section for times tables practice.** The children seem to be enjoying their homework booklets and I have also had positive feedback from parents. Thank you for your continued support at home with this.

Please also use the KIRF booklets which were emailed out to you last half term. The booklets are full of Key Instant Recall Facts or KIRFs for short which your child needs to learn.



**In Geography** class 2 will continue to learn about Natural Disasters. This will involve looking at volcanoes, mountain ranges, avalanches and earthquakes. Also rivers, floods and the water cycle. We will also keep up to date with any world events such as the fires which are burning across Australia. When we look study volcanoes we will also consider our local environment and it's volcanic past, this will include a visit to look at volcanic rock in our environment and hopefully next half term a visit to Edinburgh to the fabulous Dynamic Earth centre.

**In Computing** the children will present information learned in Geography and Science using Microsoft Powerpoint. We also hope to have a loan of a set of virtual reality headsets so we should have some great fun!



**In R.E** the children will be learning about Hinduism and the festival of Holi and other celebrations. They will also be preparing for our Easter Celebrations.



**In Music** Class 2 will be taking part in a whole class music ensemble project which runs for the whole year. The children will be learning to play the violin. The Year 4 children will be able to consolidate and develop



In P.E at Willowburn on Monday afternoons the children will be swimming. On their return to school they will continue with P.E, this half term this will be football and hockey. If the weather is not too inclement. If it is the children will be keeping fit with circuit training type activities. We also have a

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the skills which they learned last year.

gymnastics competition coming up. There will also be Forest School on Fridays. Therefore it is important that children have the necessary footwear and clothing for these activities.

#### Design and Technology/ Art

The children will complete their work in Art based on Andy Goldsworthy sculptures using the natural environment then they will develop shelters for natural disaster survivors as well as looking at rescue centre meals.



The children will also look at art work based on 'twisters' and 'tsunamis'.

**In Science** the children will be learning about rocks and this links to the work covered in Geography. The children will compare and group rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties. They will also learn how fossils are formed and recognise that soil is made from rock and organic matter

#### Reminders:

Following the success of Sumdog all children have log in details for games to help their learning in Reading, Writing, Spellings and Maths.

Please:

- Remember to listen to your child read aloud and sign your child's reading record daily
- Remember to sign your child's planner. Upcoming events, homework and messages will be recorded in the planner. Parents can also use the planner to send messages to the class teacher, it will be the child's responsibility to show their teacher if a message has been
- Football boots and shin pads to be brought into school on **Mondays and Fridays** as the football lesson may be weather dependent.
- Homework should be neat and well presented (at the same standard that is expected in class). Homework books should be kept clean, preferably in a plastic wallet. Any lost or damaged books will be charged at the full price plus postage
- If possible keep a pair of wellies and waterproofs if your child has them in school (some children still have wellies in the cloakroom)

Many thanks

Mrs Fortescue and Mrs Athey