

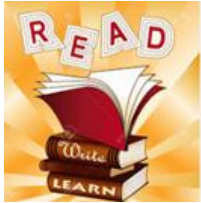
## Class 2 Topic Letter

### Autumn Term 2 2019

rs Fortescue supported by Miss Clark (Mon-Thurs)

Mrs Athey and Mrs Chisholm supported by Miss Clark (Fri)

**In Literacy** your child will be reading and writing instructions and explanations and poems which create images. Through this work the children will also be focussing on the use of punctuation in dialogue, simple, compound and complex sentences and conjunctions which express time and cause.



**Homework:** The homework books are working well and overall the children are well motivated to complete these. Thank you for your support. 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. There will be a test on a Monday.

**In Numeracy** your child will be deepening their understanding of place value and addition and subtraction as well as developing further their understanding of multiplication, division and fractions. 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) More information will follow.



**In History** class 2 will continue learning all about the Romans and their impact on Britain. This will include: Julius Caesar's attempted invasion in 55-54 BC, The Roman Empire by AD 42 and the power of its army, a successful invasion by Claudius and conquest, including Hadrian's Wall, British resistance, e.g. Boudicca and "Romanisation" of Britain: looking at sites such as Caerwent and the impact of technology, culture and beliefs, including early Christianity.



**In Modern Foreign Language** lessons the children will learn some basic French including colours, numbers and how to greet each other. We will use the 'La Jolie Ronde' scheme to deliver this learning.



**In R.E** the children will be learning about Christian lifestyles and Christmas. This will include examining the importance of our own beliefs and practices, of how Christian teaching about God and Jesus affects Christian approaches to personal and social matters, and about saints and saintliness.



**In Computing** the children will learn about the importance of being respectful and responsible as a way to learn how to be good digital citizens. They will use the internet for research and select, use and combine software to present data and information.



**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 the skills which they learned last year.



**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. There will also be P.E lessons and Forest School on a Friday. Therefore it is important that children have the necessary footwear and clothing for these activities.



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#### **Geography**

In geography the children will be learning about Italy including where it is located, key topographical features including hills, mountains and rivers and key economic activities including trade links and the distribution of natural resources.

**In Global Citizenship and SRE** class 2 will be learning about self-esteem and challenging gender stereotypes.

#### **In Design and Technology.**

In food technology the children will design and make pizzas this half term. They will begin by looking at the eatwell plate to enable them to make healthy informed choices.



**In Science** the children will be learning about electricity this will include being able to identify common appliances that run on electricity. Constructing a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers. Identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a complete loop with a battery. Recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple series circuit. Recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors.



#### **Reminders:**

- Remember to 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 sent.
- Homework should be neat and well presented (as work in class). Homework books should be kept clean.
- If possible keep a pair of wellies in school (some children still have wellies in the cloakroom)

Many thanks

Mrs Fortescue and Mrs Athey