


## Class 2 Topic Letter Spring Term 2019.

Class Teacher for the duration of Mrs Maule's Maternity Leave –

Mrs B Athey supported by HLTA Mrs Cheryl Chisholm and TA's Miss Clark and Miss McAllister.

<p><b>English</b> We will be finishing comparing the books of author Michael Foreman. We will be reading extracts of the book The Time Travelling Cat and the Year 4's will look at the Percy Jackson Egyptian series. Afterwards, we will look at Non-Fiction Books to help support our History and Geography topics The Egyptians and The River Nile. <b>Spellings</b> – Children will be expected to learn and use the common words from the list in their planner for Year 3 and 4. They will also be given topic words to learn and spell correctly. We will be using our personal dictionaries in school to help develop our spelling accuracy. <b>Reading</b> – We will continue to use our successful Accelerated Reader System, reading in school daily. It is important that your child continues to read aloud and talk about the story at home. It is suggested that in Class 2 the children should be reading for between 30 minutes to one hour every evening. Please sign and comment in their Reading Record. <b>Grammar</b> <u>Y3</u> Formation of nouns using a range of prefixes, such as <i>super-</i>, <i>anti-</i>, <i>auto</i>. Introduction of the grammatical difference between plural and possessive. Teach when to use/not to use an apostrophe for it's/its . <u>Y4</u> The grammatical difference between plural and possessive Verb prefixes (e.g. <i>dis-</i>, <i>de-</i>, <i>mis-</i>, <i>over-</i> and <i>re-</i>) Use of commas for 'drop-ins' (e.g. <i>Mrs Jones, our teacher, is amazing.</i>) Use of commas after a subordinate clause at the beginning of a sentence (e.g. <i>although it was raining, we went out to play.</i>)</p>	<p><b>Maths</b> We will be learning about fractions, decimals, length area and perimeter this half term. We will use our DT project to help us measure accurately using a ruler efficiently. We will also have regular work on times tables as the children should know these by rapidly recalling the answers by the end of <b>Year 4. This is a lifelong skill and will be a mandatory test next year so it is important that we prepare our children well</b> - To help with maths rapid recall your children all have a School 360 password and should use these games to help their fluency in maths.</p> <p><b>Computing</b> we will be using the internet as a research tool. We will use our laptops as a publishing and design tool. We will be learning about the importance of being safe and responsible online. We will also develop our work on control technology and a programme called Scratch.</p> <p><b>PSHE</b> We hope to use some of the Thrive Approach activities in our PSHE work. We will begin to look at a theory called zones of regulation and how we can recognise how we feel when we are happy, sad, angry etc. We will also be taking part in Christian Aid's Global Neighbours Scheme.</p> 
<p><b>Spanish</b> Following on from our work on numbers to 20 we will be learning and using everyday greetings.</p>	<p><b>Science</b> We will be learning about Light and Sound this term.</p>
 <p><b>Music</b> The children in Class 2 take part in a First Access Music Project and will learn to play the violin.</p>	<p><b>Forest Schools</b> Our sessions will happen every week on Fridays. During these sessions we will also cover -Technology – using tools and making things and now that Mrs Chisholm is a qualified Forest School Leader our Food Technology session will take place out on the Fire Pit. A lot of the work we do in PSHE such as resilience, teamwork and confidence will be covered in these sessions.</p>
<p><b>R.E.</b> We will continue to learn about the Christian Faith and how Jesus influences Christian Beliefs and the importance of Jesus and his teachings. We will also compare these teachings and beliefs with the World Faith: Islam.</p>	

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<p><b>P.E.</b> The children will <b>swim</b> at Willowburn on Mondays from 7<sup>th</sup> January until the end of the first half of spring term. The KS 2 children will continue take part in our Daily Mile. The second PE session of the first half term (until the 15<sup>th</sup> February) will be Tri Golf and Dance – Walk Like an Egyptian!!! Usually the second PE session is on Fridays but please check your child's planners for any change of day so that kit is not brought in unnecessarily. Yoga – Due to it being very popular with the children, we hope to offer a yoga session during PE.</p>	<p><b>History</b> We will be learning about The Egyptians. We will learn key facts about this period in history and find out about the past through internet research and discussion <b>Geography</b> We will be studying the importance of The River Nile on Egypt.</p>
<p>Art – We will be inspired by the artist Paul Klee while we create our own hieroglyphs.</p> 	<p><b>Design Technology</b> The children have a series of two Technology Days with Mrs Buckingham starting the first Thursday back. <b>Please could children bring in any books or greetings cards which have moving parts for our first lesson?</b></p>

### Reminders –

Mrs Buckingham will teach Class 2 if Mrs Athey is working in the office, mostly on Thursdays.

Mrs Chisholm covers Mrs Athey's PPA time. This term it is on Wednesday afternoons and the topic is Science.

PE – Mondays and Fridays. Trainers to be worn please (no sandals or converse style pumps). Your child may also wish to keep a pair of trainers in school to use during our Daily Mile.

School Uniform for KS 2 children is different to Class 1. The children will be given a planner to use for messages and information. Please ensure it is signed every week as I check planners each week.

Book bags are not used in Class 2 or 3 but please do not buy a really large backpack as there is limited space in the cloakroom.

Children are also expected to bring in their own pencil case and equipment although spare resources are kept in school for children who do not have their own.

Please pay promptly and in advance for School Meals using our School Money System.

We continue to use our Primary Sports Funding to pay for specialist sport and swimming at Willowburn and transport costs.

If there are any changes to end of day arrangements, please contact the school office.

Looking forward to a wonderful new year and new term! If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Belinda Athey.