

# Class 1 Spring (2) 2018

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Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

I hope that you had an enjoyable and restful half term. This half term we will be continuing with our previous topics (we are teaching on a **termly basis** instead of a half termly basis). This will enable us to cover each topic in more depth and allow for more cross curricular links.

Here are some reminders and information which I hope you will find useful. *Mrs Maule*



## Literacy



The children will progress through our Literacy programme – Read Write Inc (RWI), that teaches reading, writing and spelling. They will continue to learn new letter sounds which will help them to become fluent readers. They will explore different genres of writing including narrative and non-fiction, for example, writing an information report.

## Maths



Year 1 children will learn: show a 2-digit number, combining groups of 10s and 1s; know what each digit means in a 2-digit number; compare two numbers less than 100; money - find totals of money; give change by finding the difference, find halves and quarters of amounts.

Year 2 children will learn: compare two 2-digit numbers using  $<$  and  $>$ ; round to the nearest the multiple of 10, add/subtract 2-digit numbers (23+34), money – finding 'change', solve 1 and 2-step addition and subtraction money problems, fractions – count in fractions; find  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of amounts.

## Times tables (Y2)

Year 2 children will continue to have a weekly times table test as started last year. This test will be on a **Monday**. Year 1 children will start to learn times tables later in the year.

## Number Bonds

Please continue to help your child practice their number bonds of 5 and 10 (Year 1) and bonds of 10, 20 and 100 (Y2). These are very important number facts which will help your child greatly in their maths.

## Reading

We will continue with our Guided Reading sessions whereby the children take it in turns to read aloud within the group. This provides a good opportunity for discussion around the text and a deeper understanding of what has been read. **Please keep your child's reading book and reading record in their book bag each day.**

Please support your child at home by reading a little each night. 'Little and often' will help make reading more enjoyable for both you and your child. **Please sign and date your child's reading record each time you read. Books will only be changed if we can see that your child has been read with at home. Thank you.**

## High frequency words (HFW)

High frequency words (HFW) are often called sight words because they must be memorized by sight. The reason for this is that many HFWs can not be sounded out. These words should be memorized a few at a time, and constantly revisited until your child is able to read, write, and spell them easily.

Learning these words is of huge benefit to your child as it helps them become more **confident** in their reading, it helps their **comprehension** and it provides clues to the **context** of the text.

**Please help your child to practice reading and spelling the high frequency words which are provided in their homework book.**

The following website has some online games which will make learning these more fun:

[http://www.familylearning.org.uk/sight\\_word\\_games.html](http://www.familylearning.org.uk/sight_word_games.html)

Thank you.

The children are thoroughly enjoying our current topics and are looking forward to learning more:

**Science** – Living Things and their Habitats



**Geography**– comparing different animal habitats around the world.

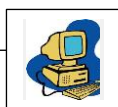
**Computing** – We will use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content. This will involve researching different animals.

**Art and DT** – Animal patterns (using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape and form)



**RE** – festivals and celebrations of Islam and Chinese New Year

**Music** – Charanga unit: I Wanna Play in a Band



## PE

This half term Class 1 will be swimming on a **Monday** afternoon at Willowburn. Please ensure your child is dressed in their school sports uniform on this day. On **Tuesday** afternoons, the children will be learning fundamental movement skills/dance.

Please ensure your child brings their school sports uniform to change into on this day.



## Educational Visit

As part of our Science topic on 'Living things and their Habitats' we will be going on a school visit to Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens on **Tuesday 20th March**. This will be a full day visit. More information to follow.

## Homework

**Spelling homework** will continue to be given out **every Friday**. The children will have a **spelling test** the following **Friday**.

These spellings will focus on a key sound/pattern each week. Please spend some time discussing the spelling rules provided with your child so that they fully understand.

**Please keep your child's Homework book in their book bag each day** as we do practice our spellings throughout the week.

**Maths homework** will be given on a **Monday** on School 360. The children will have a week to complete this task.

Please continue to practice reading and spelling the HFW provided in your child's homework book.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Gentle reminders

Willowburn (Swimming) – Monday

P.E. – Tuesday

Times tables test – Monday (Y2 children)

### Spelling test - Friday

**Please ensure that your child has got both their reading book and reading record in their book bag each day.**

Please ensure that your child brings a **labelled water bottle** to school each day.

Many thanks for all your help and support. If I can be of any further help please let me know. *Mrs Maule.*

