

Class 2 Topic Letter Autumn Term 2 2018

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>English We will be finishing reading the Class Text – Stig of the Dump. Our writing focus for this half term will be inspired from this text. We will then begin reading and comparing the books of author Michael Foreman.</p> <p>Spellings – Children will be expected to learn and use the common words from the list in their planner for Year 3 and 4</p> <p>Grammar Focus - Year 3 -using adverbs, expressing time and using conjunctions, appropriate use of nouns and pronouns, introduction to paragraphs, headings and sub headings. Year 4 - appropriate choice of pronouns, paragraphs, introduction of devices to build cohesion (then, after that, this etc).</p> <p>Reading – We will continue to be using our successful Accelerated Reader System and 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.</p>	<p>Maths We will develop our work on Problem Solving. Addition and Subtraction. Multiplication and Division. We are following a scheme called White Rose Maths which encourages children to work practically and develop a sound understanding of a concept before moving onto the next stage. We will also have regular work on times tables as the children should know these by rapid recalling the answers by the end of Year 4. 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>Spanish – We will learn how to use basic greetings, ask directions, sing songs and how to count to 20 in Spanish. We will launch this topic with our own Spanish Day- details to follow!</p>	<p>Computing 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>Music The children in Class 2 take part in a First Access Music Project and will learn to play the violin.</p>	<p>Science We will be finishing off our health and fitness topic, then looking at the roles of producer and predator in the food chain.</p>
<p>R.E. We will continue to learn about the Christian Faith and how Jesus influences Christian Beliefs and the importance of Jesus and his teachings.</p>	<p>Forest Schools 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 Schools 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>P.E. The children will swim at Willowburn on Mondays for the first term and a half. We have changed this to promote progression and continuity as the children will be taught in a longer block. The KS 2 children will continue take part in our Daily Mile. The second PE session of the second half term will be Football/ Hockey. (This may vary from the first half term or they may develop their skills across the second half term. PE kit is to be worn to school as usual on Mondays. Our other PE session is on Fridays so please make sure PE kit (including boots and shin pads) is in on this day.</p>	<p>History We will be learning about the Stone Age. We will learn key facts about this period in history and find out about the past through handling artefacts. We will learn about the settlement Skara Brae.</p> <p>Geography We will be using maps to understand where early man lived and how whether affected their survival.</p>
<p>Yoga - In the case of very bad weather we hope to offer a yoga session during PE.</p>	<p>Design Technology The children will make a scene from their chosen story which has moving parts. They will also create and design their own Christmas card.</p>

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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 every Thursday.

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 another fantastic half term! If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Belinda Athey.