



Class 2 Topic Letter

Spring Term 2nd half 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>English</p> <p>. We will be reading extracts of the book The Time Travelling Cat.</p> <p>We will then look at Non-Fiction Books to help support our History and Geography topics The Egyptians and The River Nile.</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. They will also be given topic words to learn and spell correctly. We will be using our personal dictionaries</p> <p>Reading – 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 read for between 30 minutes to one hour every evening. Please sign and comment in their Reading Record.</p> <p>Grammar</p> <p><u>Y3</u></p> <p>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 as well as when to use/not to use an apostrophe for it's/its .</p> <p><u>Y4</u></p> <p>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>)</p> <p>Use of commas for 'drop-ins' (e.g. <i>Mrs Jones, our teacher, is amazing.</i>)</p> <p>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>Maths</p> <p>We will be learning about fractions, decimals, statistics and money this half term aswell as continuing to develop our understanding of all 4 operations/</p> <p>We will also have regular work on times tables as the children should know these by rapidly recalling the answers by the end of 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 - 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>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>PSHE</p> <p>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>Spanish</p> <p>Following on from our work on numbers to 20 we will be learning and using everyday greetings. We will also be learning about the food and culture and hope to have our own Spanish Day!</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>We will be learning about Light and Sound this term. We will be learning to use microscopes to investigate everyday items close up. We will also be carrying out activities during British Science Week</p>
<p>Music </p> <p>The children in Class 2 will continue to take part in a First Access Music Project and will learn to play the violin.</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. We will also compare these teachings and beliefs with the World Faith: Islam. We will also be continuing to look at Christian places of worship around the world with a trip to St Michael's Church in Alnwick and The United Reformed Church in Glanton</p>	<p>Forest Schools</p> <p>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>

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<p>P.E. The children will use the sports facilities at Willowburn on Mondays until the end of summer term. The KS 2 children will continue take part in our Daily Mile. We have an indoor circuits session or those times when we cannot run outside. The second PE session of the week will be Tag Rugby with Callum Lawn, rugby coach from Newcastle Falcons. Yoga – Due to it being very popular with the children, we hope to offer a yoga session during PE.</p>	<p>History 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 Geography We will be studying the importance of The River Nile on Egypt.</p>
<p>Art – We will be inspired by the artist, Peter Hamner, who was a past pupil of our school and now has a successful installation at the Baltic Art Museum and will visit the installation 12th March 2019.</p>	<p>Trip dates – 12th March – Visit to Sikh place of worship followed by Baltic museum. Packed lunch required. Letter to follow. 20th March – Visit to Christian place of worship – Glanton. Letter to follow Also visit to St Michael's Church, Alnwick and visit to an Islamic Mosque to follow.</p>

Reminders –

Mrs Buckingham will teach Class 2 for one remaining Thursday then is taking time off in March and should return to school after Easter. I may use a new supply teacher during this time but will keep you informed.

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 (or wear to school and change into school shoes) to use during our Daily Mile.

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. This is currently being reviewed and is not likely to continue in the future but if changes are made you will be informed well in advance.

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

Please check your child's planners for information regarding homework, change of PE etc and also sign the planners weekly. I check and sign planners every FRIDAY.

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.