

Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1 2018 Class 2

Welcome back to school! I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are ready for an exciting year in class 2! We have an interesting first half term in this class. Linked with our history topic, The Great Fire of London, Holmfirth Fire Station will hopefully be coming to visit the school, where children will have the opportunity to use the hose, try on the uniform and learn about fire safety from real firemen. Fingers crossed! If you have any problems, please feel free to come and see me before or after school. Also, you can contact me through my email address which is naomi.hemingway@netherthongprimary.co.uk. Keep checking our class blog for updates on what we have been up to in class at: <http://www.netherthongprimary.co.uk/our-classes/class-5-test-5/class-2-blog> Thank you, Miss Hemingway.



English

In our Literacy work this half term we will be using the book, 'Rainbow fish' to create our very own 'Rainbow' animal stories. On IXL, Year 2 can access all the English features that we will be covering this year and can use this resource to help consolidate areas and help with others they are unsure of. A link to this web page can be found in the further guidance section below. We will also be linking our history topic of The Great Fire of London, with our literacy work. Children do guided reading each day, and will therefore **need** their **reading book** and **reading records** in school **each day**.

Maths

In maths, we will look mainly at number, including place value, and mastering the basic skills we need to consolidate our learning. We will introduce some new vocabulary. Reasoning skills will be embedded throughout all maths lessons. We will use the Schofield and Sims booklets for homework, as in year one. However, I may also set homework from the IXL programme. See further support for advice on using IXL. If you do not have access to a computer, speak to me and we can make alternative arrangements.

DT

This half term we will be using different materials to make models of fire engines. The children will investigate the best ways to fix their materials together to create a successful fire engine which could have been used to put out the fire in 1666.

Important Dates

- Fire Service Visit - TBC
- Individual photos – 18th September
- Parents Evening – 22nd October 3.30 to 5.30pm
- 25th October 3.30 to 8pm

If any other exciting opportunities arise, I will inform you of dates and times.

Science and Computing

In science, we will be looking at being healthy. Children will be able to describe the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

In computing, children are going to be coding a programme using a variety of objects, actions, events and outputs using algorithms.

RE/PSHE

In RE, we will look at how Christians and Muslims pray, and understanding the importance of prayer to those who belong to that religion. In PSHE, we are going to be looking at healthy bodies and how feelings can change along with how our bodies and us change and grow.

PE

The children will be learning netball with myself and a sports coach, teaching them the basic techniques.

Topic

This half term children will be learning about The Great Fire of London. Children will learn about the key events, and help them develop an understanding of the ways in which we can find out about the past through discussing primary sources. In doing so, this also introduces Samuel Pepys and his infamous diary. The children will have the opportunity to increase their awareness of the past by comparing past and present-day London, as well as looking at how life was different in the 17th century.

Other Information

Please can you ensure that PE kits are in school every day with suitable clothing for both outside and inside activities. Earrings must be taken out or covered in tape and long hair must be tied back. Homework should be handed in on Mondays and given back Tuesdays. Reading books **need** to be brought every day. Spelling tests are going to be on a Monday and new spelling sent out Tuesdays.



Ways to help your child in Year 2:

As you know, we have high expectations in year 2! A copy of our end of year expectations and the Key Stage 1 interim framework can be found on our class page on the school website. Here is a link: <http://www.netherthongprimary.co.uk/our-classes/class-2>

I'd be really grateful if you would regularly read with your child/ren. Reading is so important, not just for comprehension, but for their writing also. A child who does not read regularly will struggle to write sufficiently well enough to be a secure writer at the end of Key Stage 1. Ask the child questions about what they are reading and discuss the different grammatical features you see. They should begin pointing these out more as we cover them in class.

IXL is there to support the maths that we are learning in class, I do not expect your child to get 100 for each area that they have for homework, but I do expect them to put the time and work in. If a child is struggling with a certain concept, they can move to a lower year group to gain confidence before returning to their original year group. A link to IXL is here: <https://uk.ixl.com/>

Children in year two should be spending the average of 1 hour across the week completing homework, including reading with your child each night.

There will be 10 spellings words to learn each week. These will be in their orange homework books, which I will expect them to bring in each Monday so their new spellings can be placed there.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Miss Hemingway and Miss Watkins