



CLASS 2 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new year at Appleton Wiske Primary. We hope that you have had a fantastic and restful holiday with your children and that they are looking forward to a new and exciting year ahead full of hard work and fun.

Please read below to see what we will be covering over the next term.

In English, Year 3 are beginning Comprehension Bug. This involves a daily half an hour reading session where the children will complete independent activities to help them to develop their comprehension skills. One of the sessions each week will be to share and discuss their answers with the teacher. During this time, Year 2 will be working on reading comprehension activities, with the support of Mrs. Gudger and Mrs. Atkinson. We will also continue to use 'Spelling Shed' which we will be using alongside spelling games and activities to practise the year 2/3 spelling list. We will have a written spelling test each Friday. In writing, we will be exploring a range of Fiction and Non-Fiction texts and the children will be planning, writing and editing these types of texts. We will be basing our writing on a range of subjects.

In Maths, we will be looking at place value of numbers. We will be investigating patterns and sequences in numbers and then we will move on to learning calculation strategies for addition and subtraction and applying this to problem solving. In Year 2 the children will be learning the place value of numbers up to 100. They will also be using all four operations (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing), and they will be solving problems involving money. We will be working on 'Mastering Number' where the children will have a daily session to develop their times tables knowledge in Year 3 and understanding of number in Year 2. The children will also be encouraged to practise their times tables regularly using games, activities and computer programs. The expectation is that pupils should be able to recall the 2, 5 and 10 x tables facts by the end of Year 2, and the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 x tables facts by the end of Year 3.

In Science, Year 3 will be learning about Light during the first half of the term. We will be exploring the dangers of sunlight and how to protect our eyes. We will also be performing investigations to learn about shadows, how they are formed and how the sizes of shadows change. During the second half of the term, we will be investigating solids, liquids and gases and we will observe how different materials change state. We will also identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature. Year 2 will be exploring different animals and their offspring and they will learn about the basic needs for survival of animals. They will learn about the importance of exercise and a healthy diet. In the second half term the children will explore animals and their habitats and learn simple food chains.

Our History topic in Year 3 this term is 'Ancient Egypt'. We will be learning in depth about the achievements of this ancient civilisation. We will explore how and where the ancient Egyptians lived, what was important to the daily lives of the ancient Egyptians, who Tutankhamun was and how mummies were made. We will also learn about how Egyptian people used hieroglyphs to communicate and we will explore and compare the powers of different gods. Year 2 will be exploring changes within living memory including family trees and time lines.

In Geography Year 3 will identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere. Year 2 will be learning about seasonal and daily weather patterns in the UK.

Please ensure that your child continues to read as much as possible at home in order to help them to progress with their reading. When you hear your child read please could you discuss the characters, events and stories, for fiction books, and check understanding of information for non-fiction books. We would be very grateful if you could sign the planner on each day that your child has read at home and add any helpful comments. Also, if your child has read on their own, they can make their own reflective comments in their planner. We are continuing with the reading reward scheme this year. If your child reads 80 times in total they will receive a bookmark and if they read 100 times in total they will receive a book!

P.E. days in Class 2 are on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child continues to come in to school in their P.E. kit on those days. Children with longer hair will need to have a soft bobble to tie their hair up for P.E. If your child wears earrings, please could you ensure that they are able to take them out themselves for P.E.

Homework will continue to be given out to the children on a Friday and needs to be handed in completed by the following Friday. Spellings will be handed out on a Friday and must be practised ready for our spelling challenge on the following Friday.

We are really looking forward to our new year together in Class 2! Many thanks for all of your help and support. If you have any queries or concerns please contact us.

Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Gudger, Mrs Gyll and Mrs Taylor