



CLASS 2 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a brand new year at Appleton Wiske Primary School. 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.

In English, we are continuing with Comprehension Bug. We will have a daily half an hour reading session. We will also be continuing to use Readwriter, which we will be using alongside spelling games to practise the Year 3/4 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 and writing these types of texts. We will be basing lots of our writing on our History topic, 'The First Railways', but also using Literacy Shed video clips and a range of texts to inspire our writing.

In Convince Me Maths, we will be looking at place value of numbers, including 3 and 4 digit numbers and decimals. Year 4 will be learning to solve problems with Roman Numerals. 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. 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 all times tables facts up to 12x by the end of Year 4.

In Science this half term, the children will be learning about animals and humans. Next half term they will learn about rocks. Throughout their science work, they will develop their ability to work scientifically, conducting a range of scientific investigations.

Our History topic in Class 2 for this half term is 'The First Railways'. In Geography, the children will be developing their locational knowledge through naming and locating counties and cities in the UK, and they will be learning about geographical locations and their human and physical characteristics. In Art and Design, we will be creating railway art posters and developing our sketching, drawing and painting skills. In Computing, we will continue to develop our understanding of e-safety and digital literacy through computer networks including the internet. In music, the children will learn to play the ocarina and use their voices with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression. In PE, we will be developing our stamina and skills through invasion games and dance. In PSHE & C the children will learn about families and friendships. In RE, they will learn about people's different beliefs about God and why the Bible is important for Christians. The children will continue to be taught French every week, focusing on numbers, dates, objects and weather.

Please ensure that your child reads 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 going to be Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child continues to come in to school in their P.E. kit on those days. Girls 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 be given out to the children on a Friday and needs to be handed in completed by the following Thursday.

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, especially over the last few difficult months. If you have any queries or concerns please contact us.

Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Gyll