



CLASS 2 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new year at Appleton Wiske Primary. We hope that you have had a lovely and relaxing holiday with your families and that the children are looking forward to a new and exciting year ahead full of hard work, challenge and fun.

In English, Year 3 and Year 4 are working on Comprehension Bug. This involves a daily half an hour session where the children will complete independent activities to help them to develop 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. We will also continue to use 'Spelling Shed' which we will be using alongside spelling games and activities to practise the year 2/3/4 spelling list. 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 topic, 'First Railways', but we will also be using 'Literacy Shed' video clips and a range of texts to inspire our writing.

In 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. 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 4, 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, the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 x tables facts by the end of Year 3 and all the times tables facts up to 12x by the end of Year 4.

In Science, Year 3 and 4 will be learning about the parts of the digestive system and their basic functions. They will explore human teeth and their functions and they will be looking at food chains. During our 'Rocks' topic, they will be exploring rocks and their properties and they will learn how fossils are formed. They will also learn to recognise how soil is formed. 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 this term is 'The First Railways'. The children will be learning about the history of the railways and significant early locomotives, the development of locomotive technology, examining the difference between steam, diesel and electric locomotives. In addition, they will learn about the growth and development of the railway network in Great Britain. In Geography the children will name and locate counties and cities of the UK and they will be identifying and exploring human and physical geographical features of the UK.

In art and design, children will create railway art posters, developing their skills in drawing and painting. In computing, we will learn about E-Safety so that we can use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. Children will also develop their digital literacy by using computer networks including the internet. In music with Mrs Gudger, all children will learn to play the ocarina and they will use their voices with increasing accuracy. RE will also be taught by Mrs Gudger every week. In PE, children will improve their stamina and take part in a range of invasion games as well as developing their skills in dance. The focus in PSHE continues to be 'My Happy Mind'. In French, Mrs Gyll will teach the children basic vocabulary and phrases linked to numbers, dates, classroom 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 reading record 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 continued help and support. If you have any queries or concerns please contact us.

Mrs Atkinson, Mrs Gudger, Mrs. Taylor and Miss Walters