



Kirkby-in-Malhamdale United V. A Primary School

Newsletter

April 2023

Class 2

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and all the children recharged their batteries for a very busy Summer Term ahead.

Our learning for the term is outlined as follows:



English - We are nearly at the end of our class text Evie and the Animals, which we have really enjoyed reading. Our writing has been linked to this story and we will continue to work in this way using the texts highlighted here.

We will be writing narratives, letters, instructions and reports, whilst enjoying the stories.

Reading - It is greatly appreciated if you could read with your child at home. Little and often is the best way. Children in the phonics groups will have the three books in their packs. They can read any of these as they are all appropriately chosen to consolidate the phonemes they have been focussing on in school. Thank you!

In **Maths** the children will be learning about money, length, perimeter and area (Y4) Decimals (Y4) and statistics. There will be lots of consolidation too on previous units taught. Still lots of work on times tables needed!!

In **History** and **Geography** we will be learning about Transport. In History we will be looking at the history of transport and how this has evolved and developed over the years, from the first wheel 3000BC to space travel nowadays. There will be a unit of work around the first railways and the invention of the first locomotive and the opening of the railways and the impact this had on Britain. The children will find out about George Stephenson and James Watt and their importance in this aspect of History.

In **Geography** we will study Transport in relation to Trade and learning about the advantages and disadvantages to transport. There will be an element of Map work and using the Atlas' to locate places. Y2 in particular will be locating oceans and continents and learning about the 5 Oceans and where they are in the world. They will compare and contrast the oceans.

Our **Science** work is initially all about magnets, forces, electricity and sound. Then we will finish the term off by studying plants and the right conditions for growth



Our **Art** work looks at two artists, Camille Pissarro who painted Cityscapes and Robert McCall who was a space artists.

Children will be developing their drawing and painting skills in the cityscape art and their use of digital media whilst creating their own space art images



PE this term is a busy timetable. Children will need a kit Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Tuesday is tennis with Skipton Tennis Centre, Wednesday is our usual PE session delivered by Owen and Nicole from SELFA and then Thursday will be our yearly Rugby sessions delivered by Hedley Verity.

Music - this continues to be delivered by the talented Mrs Brown, last term all children learnt the recorder and it sounded great.

Bank Holidays- Monday 1st May and Monday 8th May. Coronation celebrations are being finalised at school and we will let you know shortly what we have planned for the afternoon of Thursday 4th May.

STATUTORY TESTING - During the month of May Y2 children will be completing their SATS. These consist of 2 reading comprehensions and 2 maths tests (one mental arithmetic, one reasoning) I do not tell the children when the tests are so that they are not anxious about them. I keep them as low key as possible. SATS for Y2 are part of the picture for end of year assessment and all is ask is that children do their best.

Y4 - Multiplication Test. During June, Y4 will complete an online Multiplication Test. This is a timed activity and there are 25 multiplication questions (no division). Practise of these can be found online. I will upload a link to Seesaw with one to practise. There is no pass or fail, just a score out of 25.

School Lunches -I will upload to Seesaw the summer term menu. Please let me know if there is something your child won't eat. The alternate choice of jacket potato with filling is popular. **NOTE - no Quorn or other meat substitutes will be served.**

NOTE - we remain a nut aware school so only fruit or vegetable snacks are to be brought into school. (Y2 can still access the free fruit on offer).

Homework - this continues as before with spellings on Seesaw and work in the yellow book.

Term Time Absence and Holiday Bookings

Please note that parents, wherever possible, should ensure that holidays are not booked during term time and that any holiday request during term time will only be authorised if it meets the special circumstances criteria provided by the DfE. There is a direct correlation between attendance and progress, and we want all children at the school to have an excellent attendance rate so that they can all fulfil their academic potential. If there are special circumstances which you feel we should take into account when submitting an absence request, then this needs to be clearly communicated in advance to the school. Decisions will then be made at the discretion of the Headteacher, Mr Wright. Unauthorised absence could result in a penalty fine, and this is a situation we would like to avoid, so please check with the school in advance if you are intending to book a holiday during term time.

If you have any questions regarding your child's education then please do not hesitate to contact me. headteacher@kim.n-yorks.sch.uk

Regards,

Amanda and the Class 2 team.