



Kirkby-in-Malhamdale United V. A Primary School

Newsletter

January 2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Dear Parents,



I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Our Spring Term work will initially involve completing our unit of work about the Stone Age and then moving onto work about Monarchs from History. This will involve studying Monarchs since 1066, including William the Conqueror, King John 1, the Tudors and Queen Victoria whilst moving on to the House of Windsor. We will be learning about their place in history and what legacies they left.

Our English writing will be linked to *Stig of the Dump* and *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. We will be writing in character and also narratives linked to the text. The latter book is linked to our Geography work around Volcanoes and Earthquakes.

Our Science unit is Living Things in their Habitats, we will be studying habitats and microhabitats and classifying and sorting animals according to different criteria. After that, we move on to Forces and Magnets.

This term's maths begins with multiplication and division so we will be thrashing the knowledge and instant recall of these in class too. Last term I gave all children a Timestable Rockstar login (they stuck it in the front of their red planner) This will really help with practising the timestable facts. There are also lots of free apps/games out there so any extra practise with this at home would be great! Thank you!

Our Art work will concentrate on textiles and will involve the children creating a collage and using thread to depict lines and movement.

Design Technology will be concentrate on constructing structures. If you have any boxes, eg: toothpaste, shoe - that you have finished with we would love to take them apart. **No boxes that have had food in or dishwasher/soap etc. Thanks**

PE - Swimming will continue on Mondays and PE will be with Mrs Latimer and Mrs Harrison on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure warm clothing is provided for this session. After half term Skipton Tennis Club will resume their Tuesday morning delivery.

Homework will carry on in the same way as in the Autumn Term but with the added times table check too. I will let you/your child know which one they will be checked on each week.

Reading at home is really important, a little and often approach will really help your child progress. Thank you.

MUSIC - We are extremely lucky to have the talented Mrs Brown delivering our music sessions on a Thursday too.

We are very lucky that we have a range of adults supporting the children in school. With the expertise of Mrs Rushton, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Latimer supporting the children it makes for a busy and productive learning environment. We are also fortunate that Mrs Middleton (Senior), Mrs Ellis and Mrs Leeming come in to class voluntarily to help your child with reading/spelling. Please ensure your child has their reading wallet in school, complete with books and planner.

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).

I have uploaded the Spring Term lunch menu to Seesaw (or the link if it's not readable) so you can let school know if there is anything your child does not like. Mr Atkinson is very obliging and will make alterations to menus of your child does not like something.

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 Allen and the Class 2 team.