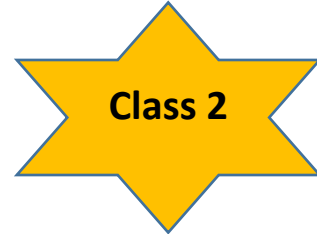




Kirkby-in-Malhamdale United V. A Primary School

Newsletter

September 2023



Dear Parents,

A huge welcome back to everyone and our lovely Class 2 children on what is the hottest week of the year. It's been lovely seeing the children enjoying playing all together again.

A huge welcome to our 6 new Y2 children who have graduated from Class 1, I am looking forward to getting to know them better. Also to Mrs Harrison our new teaching support assistant.

Our class work this term is planned around our subject units, which are linked where possible.

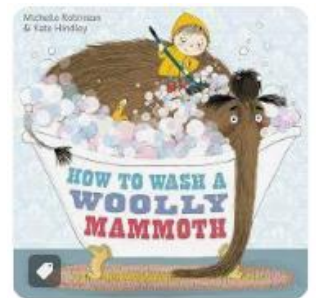
Our **Science** to start with is Rocks, soils and fossils and we will be learning just that! If your child has any fossils/gems/crystals etc that they would like to bring in for the unit of work then by all means they can bring them in.

Linked to that unit is our **History** unit - Stone age to Iron Age. We will be learning about this period in history and how it changed over time. If you have any photos of Stonehenge or Skara Brae that would be really useful too. Children enjoy sharing personal artefacts and it makes the learning more meaningful too.

Our **Art** unit of work is called Gestural Drawing and this will cover aspects of cave art and working with charcoal.

Our **Geography** unit of work is learning about the continents and oceans and then studying in depth North America. Anyone been to the Rockies?? We will also be looking at New York and comparing and contrasting to London and where we live.

Our **English** work will be based on the books that link to our units of work- mainly our history. We are starting with How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth so we can refine our instruction writing and also write a non-chronological report about Woolly Mammoths and other prehistoric animals. We will follow this with a classic - Stig of the Dump! this book lends



itself to lots of descriptive work. Reading comprehension activities will be woven throughout the text too.

We continue to use the Read, Write, Inc Scheme to deliver phonics and if your child is still having a regular session in class then their reading book will be one from the scheme, plus the Book Bag Books.

Book Bingo - your child will have possibly shown you the Book bingo card. I will be directing the children to read specific books to widen their repertoire. Once they have read 5 (any five on the card) they can have a small prize. 20 reads and they can have a book prize. I have explained to the children they will be verbally quizzed on the book and must have read some of it to an adult. The book has to be appropriate too - no choosing the thinnest of books to read them quickly.

We are not going to use the Accelerated Reader system this year and so the children will be directed to read specific books that we believe they will enjoy and are going to help them develop.

Maths - starts with a recap of Place Value moving on to Addition and Subtraction then Multiplication and Division. Mental Maths and times tables are an ongoing element of maths that need constant practise. There are many apps and games that are freely available, any that you can encourage them to play/practise is beneficial. Thank you.

Homework- This will be reading, spelling and another activity. This might be from any subject. The spelling check will be on MONDAY and new homework will be given out then to be returned the following Monday - or earlier if they've done it. Thanks. I will upload spellings on to Seesaw as usual and any other messages.

Seesaw - you will receive an email to connect yourself to the new year's Seesaw. Please let me know if you are having problems with this. I will connect one parent (unless I connected both last year) and if you want additional emails adding please send me the email and I'll send the invite to connect.

Dance and PE. Howard Bullock is returning to school on Tuesdays to deliver his dance sessions. Wednesday's PE sessions will be delivered by Nicole and Owen who work at SELFA. Children can leave PE kits at school, please ensure that as the weather turns colder they have a warm outdoor kit and suitable trainers. Please ensure they have a different pair to change into and are not using school shoes as PE shoes. We try to get the children onto the field for PE and school shoes not only become muddy but also it gets brought inside and on to the carpet that children need to sit on. Thank you.

Swimming - this will resume after half term. It will be Monday afternoons 1.30-2.30pm.

Lunches - this link should take you to the Autumn Term menu delivered by North Yorkshire Catering and cooked by Mr Atkinson in school. Let me know if there is something you would like as an alternative for your child. (The Quorn product will be substituted for another vegetarian meal.) https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2023-08/89584%20Autumn%202023%20Primary%20Menu_Core%20Allergens.pdf

After School Club - these remain the same:

Monday - construction 3.30pm-6pm plus tea

Tuesday - guitar 3.30pm-4.30pm

Wednesday - STEM 3.30pm-4.30pm

Thursday - Art 3.30-4.30pm

Friday - Express yourself 3.30pm-4.30pm

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)

Milk at playtime is still on offer to those who would like it, payable on ParentPay.

If there is someone other than yourself collecting your child from school then please let admin or the class teacher know.

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

Here's looking forward to a busy and productive term with lots of great learning taking place.

Many thanks,

Amanda Allen, Madame Rushton, Mrs Harrison and Miss Shaw.