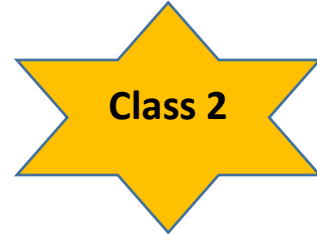




Kirkby-in-Malhamdale United V. A Primary School

# Newsletter

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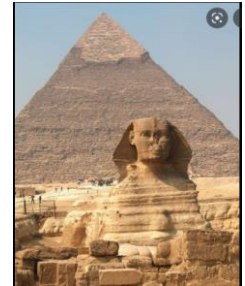
Dear Parents,

It was lovely to be back at school and see the lovely smiling faces in the classroom. I hope everyone has a great summer and was able to enjoy some quality time doing fun things.

There are plenty of exciting and engaging activities planned this term for the children to take part in.

A huge welcome to our 5 new Y2 children who have graduated from Class 1 and our 3 new Y3 children. We are looking forward to getting to know you all properly and spending time with you in Class 2.

Our class work this term has an Egyptian theme to it. This is our main work in **History**. We will look at aspects of the Ancient Egyptians life and culture and what we know about their life from what is left behind. We will learn about Howard Carter's expedition to find Tutankhamun.



In our **Geography** whilst looking closely at maps of the world we will also be studying rivers, especially the Nile but also at the journey of a river along with

the Water Cycle.

Our **Art** work will be linked to history and this will have the theme of Animals. We will study Egyptian Art too and look at the cats in particular.

Our **DT** will look at Structures - we will make structures from nets.

Our **English** work will be based on the books we read in class. We are going to start with *The Girl who Rowed the Ocean*. This is Alastair Humphrey's latest book and links really well with our map work in Geography. We will also be reading an Egyptian based book called *Secrets of a Sun King*.



We 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.

If your child has been assessed as secure with all phonemes then they will move onto the Accelerated Reader System and they will take a 'test' to ascertain a level of reading book.

Reading at home with your child - even for 5 minutes makes a massive difference. You will have seen that your child has a different reading record. It is not greatly different apart from the page that asks the child to write something in about their book. This is part of the homework so only needs completing at the end of the week.

**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.

**Science** - Plants, living things and habitats, Earth and Space (seasonal change KS1) We will be conducting experiments and looking at patterns and changes.

**Homework**- I will start homework next Friday and it will run as before. I will give homework out on the Friday to be completed by the following Friday. If it is completed over the weekend then they can bring it into school as soon as to be marked (this saves me marking it all on a Friday!!) It will consist of: spellings, (spelling check in school on Friday) reading response and a maths sheet (or 2) The maths will always be linked to the topic they are learning at the time.

**Dance and PE.** We are lucky that Howard Bullock is returning to school on Tuesdays to deliver his dance sessions. Wednesday's PE sessions will be delivered by Mr Illingworth and Owen who works 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** - When the pool at Settle reopens we have a Monday afternoon session booked for the children to resume swimming lessons. I will be in touch with further details once we know a start date.

**Music** - Class 2 are lucky that they have some weekly music sessions being delivered by Mrs Brown our music specialist. They will be fantastic!

Also, if you would like your child to take up a musical instrument then NYCC offer a service and will come into school to teach this. Please ask admin for a leaflet with details. Mr Hincliffe is also available for accordion lessons.

**SEESAW**, our online journal and communication system is going to be used again this year. This year you will be able to set up the family Seesaw. This will mean that more than one child is linked and no need for the logging in and out of different devices (fingers crossed!)

You will receive an email invite from Seesaw and you just follow the instructions. You will need to download the app and set up as a family member. We will send you the login details for each child and you should find this much easier to access than switching between accounts. Any problems then please let me know. Thank you!

Dates for you diary:

Celebration Assembly - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October - all welcome!

Halloween Party - Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - wear your spookiest outfit

Christmas Party - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October - wear your Christmas jumpers.

**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 you have any questions regarding your child's education then please do not hesitate to contact me. [headteacher@kim.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto: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 and team