

Class 2 Newsletter

Summer Term 2022

We have had a busy start to the summer term! We have lots of great opportunities organised before the summer holidays arrive!

Key information:

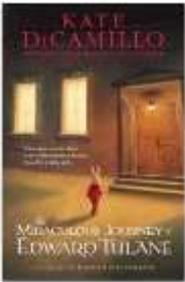
Homework - Homework will be handed out on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday. Spelling will be checked on a Friday.

Reading - Reading records are used both in school and at home as a communication tool to comment on children's reading progress. Any book/comic/magazine can be recorded into your child's reading record as this is exposing them to a variety of texts. Children in Class 2 are responsible for changing their own reading books. ***Please ensure Reading Records are in school each day.***

PE - PE is initially on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, this will be reducing to a Wednesday and Friday after half term. PE kit can stay in school and children will bring this home on a Friday to wash.

In Class 2 this term, we will be learning...

Literacy



We will begin the term by reading 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane'. Children will explore a range of sentence starters and fronted adverbials. They will also explore the characters' thoughts and feelings before planning and writing a chapter of their own. They will then explore the features of a letter, before putting themselves in Edward's shoes and writing a letter back to his previous owner. Finally, they will write a poem detailing how Edward learnt to love.

We will move on to explore a Literacy Shed clip called 'The Lighthouse'. They will use their 5 senses to describe the lighthouse and its surroundings, before using a variety of sentence starters and structures called DADWAVERS, to describe the setting. We will then move on to creating an emotions graph, to identify the lighthouse keeper's feelings during the clip, in order to write a diary entry detailing the problems he encounters and his feelings.



After the half term break, we will begin to read a great story called 'The Worst Witch'. Whilst exploring the book, Class 2 will write a play-script and write a persuasive advert for a new, upgraded broom designed for Mildred.

Class 2 will also explore another clip called 'The Shirt Machine' and explore explanation texts and combine the skills they have learnt to write an explanation text.



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Throughout the term, Class 2 will have the opportunity to explore a variety of high-quality texts across the 3 genres: fiction, non-fiction and poetry as well as picture books, video clips and songs as part of their whole class reading and guided reading.

Numeracy

In numeracy we will be looking at time, before moving on to statistics where the children will explore pictograms, bar charts and line graphs. After the half term break, we will move on to money and recap the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using amounts. Finally, class 2 will explore mass and capacity.

We will continue to work on our times tables, reasoning and problem-solving skills, which will reinforce the skills we have learnt throughout the year.

Science

We will begin with the exciting topic of forces and magnets. This topic is always hands-on as it involves lots of practical investigations. Class 2 will explore push and pull forces, friction and magnets.

After the half term break, we will begin another great topic of light. The children will carry out lots of investigations exploring reflective surfaces, mirrors and shadows. The children will have the opportunity to make and change shadows.

RE

In RE this term we will answer the question: 'So, what do we now know about Christianity?' ***RE will be taught by Miss Gillard.***

History

This term's topic is Anglo-Saxons and Scots. The children will explore Anglo-Saxon invasions, settlements and kingdoms, before moving on to Anglo-Saxon art and culture.

Geography

This term's topic is a local area history and geography topic. Children will explore Killhope mine. As part of their geography work, we are planning a class trip to Killhope Mine. ***Confirmation and details to follow.***

PSHE

In PSHE Class 2 will be exploring:

- Maintaining a balanced lifestyle; oral hygiene and dental care
- Physical and emotional changes in puberty; external genitalia; personal hygiene routines; support with puberty
- Medicines and household products; drugs common to everyday life

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French

The children will learn two units:

Chez moi- my house and Notre café - our café. *French will be taught by Miss Gillard.*

Art

In art we will work towards creating a piece of mining inspired artwork using a variety of media, this will be linked to our geography topic. Throughout the unit will use our sketchbooks to develop our art techniques.

PE

Children in Class 2 will be focusing on Tag Rugby in the first half-term with a visitor from The Newcastle Falcons! In PE on a Friday, children will be completing a variety of different activities and games with Mr Leinster.

On a Wednesday they will focus on cricket with our sports coach Adam from Staindrop Academy. They will also travel to take part in several sport activities and competitions at Staindrop Academy.

DT

In DT, we will investigate mechanical systems, research, design and create a model involving a pulley system. This will also be linked to our geography topic and have links to a mining mechanism.

Computing

In computing, the children will use Scratch to create a quiz. They will be designing, writing and debugging a program by selecting visual block commands to create a sequence.

Music

Class 2 will be exploring pulse, rhythms, tempo changes and dynamics in a range of different songs. They will also have the exciting opportunity to use recorders!

If you have any questions or would like to know anymore about what Class 2 will be learning this term, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Miss Heaviside 😊