



Year 2 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1: Mon 7 Sep - Fri 23 Oct



Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely summer, and that the children are refreshed and ready to begin their first half-term in Year 2. I am so pleased to be working with you and your children as they begin this next step in their learning journey. We are very lucky to have Mr Birrane, Mr Constantinou, Mrs Choudhry, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Healey working with us this year.

Routines: PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Children can change their reading book throughout the week if needed and they can also borrow and return a library book on a Monday. Spellings will be given out and tested on Wednesdays with a combination of statutory spelling rules and non-negotiable words. Children should bring their homework diary to school everyday.

Learning Challenge: This half term we will be starting with our learning challenge 'Who lives in a house like this?' During this topic, we will be focussing our learning on the history of Skipton and the castle and comparing it to modern day and our own houses. We will use our history skills to find out why Skipton needed a castle, and to discover who used to live there. We will also use our geography skills to find Skipton on a map and we will have a go at drawing our own simple maps of Skipton Castle. Unfortunately, we are unable to visit Skipton Castle currently but are instead doing a virtual tour of the castle and many others around the country.



English: We will be learning about writing instructions, recipes and commands in English this half term. Our focus texts will be The Gingerbread Man and Beware of Boys, which we will look at in detail. We will spend time planning stories using a story mountain and will also be writing our own stories based on the Gingerbread Man.

Maths: In Maths, we will begin with a focus on place value. Children will be developing their understanding of the value of 2 digit numbers, counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. They will also be learning to write numbers to 100 as numerals and words. We will then move on to addition and subtraction where we will be recalling number bonds to 10 and 20 and related facts up to 100. They will explore addition and subtraction using concrete materials, pictorially and using mental strategies.

Science: In Science we will be exploring the question 'What material would make a perfect chair for Baby Bear?' From this starting point the children will observe and describe everyday materials and their properties. They will be encouraged to compare and contrast materials and explore how they can be changed.



R.E.: We will be focusing on the question 'Who is Jewish and how do they live?' The children will explore the faith by learning about Jewish people's lifestyles and artefacts that they may keep in their homes. We are hoping to have a Jewish visitor come into school to give us a talk about her life and faith.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, either in person on the playground or by writing a note in your child's diary; alternatively please call the office on 01274 569447 or email office@eastmorton.bradford.sch.uk—please do not visit the office in person.

Miss Stockdale