



Year 2 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1: Wed 2 Sep - Thu 22 Oct



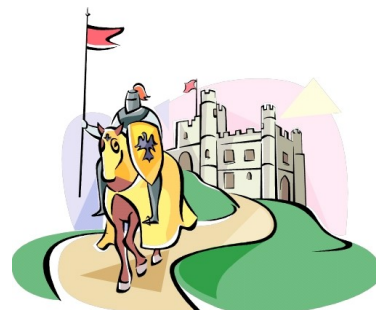
Welcome to Year 2! I hope you all had a lovely summer, and that the children are refreshed and ready to begin their first half-term in Year 2. I am so pleased to be working with you and your children as they begin this next step in their learning journey. We are also very lucky to have Mrs Padgett in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

Routines: Children will have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. Their PE kit can stay in school in a labelled bag. Our units for this term will be Athletics and Gymnastics.



Reading Books: Children will have two reading books in Year 2. One will be a phonics or fluency book, and one will be a free choice library book. The children will have the opportunity to borrow and return a free choice library book on a Monday. Their phonics, or fluency, books will be changed regularly once the reading sessions have been completed in school.

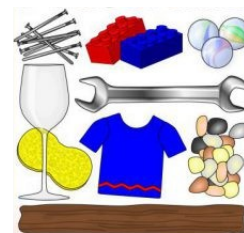
History: This half term we will be starting with our history topic 'Why were castles important?'. During this topic, we will be focussing our learning on the history of Skipton, the castle and comparing it to the modern day and our own houses. We will use our history skills to find out why Skipton needed 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. We will be visiting Skipton Castle during this topic and more details about this will follow shortly.



English: In English this half term, we will be learning to write stories and recipes. Our focus text will be The Gingerbread Man, which we will look at in detail. We will also spend time sequencing the story and comparing it to 'The Gingerbread Girl'.

Maths: In Maths, we will be focussing on place value. Children will be developing their understanding of the value of 2 digit numbers, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They will also be learning to write numbers to 100 as words and learning how to partition a number.

Science: In science we will be exploring the question 'Do materials matter?'. In this unit, the children will be learning about different materials and comparing their suitability for different uses. We will complete different investigations and observe and describe a range of materials.



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.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you and your children this year. We have got some fantastic learning opportunities this half term and lots to look forward to. If you do have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me, either in person or by email via the office.

Mrs Carr