



## Aycliffe Village Primary School

### Sycamore Class - Miss Craven

Welcome to Autumn Term 2019 in Year 2!  
We hope you are ready for a term full of fun-packed learning!

#### Maths

This term in maths we will be covering a wide range of content focussing on Number: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Measurement: Money. In all of our maths topics the children will have the opportunity to apply learned skills to reasoning and problem solving. The children also take part in daily arithmetic starters to continue to practice a range of methods and content.

#### English

This term in English we will be focussing on a range of different texts to cover the reading and writing aspect of the curriculum in Year 2. Those include, Fiction: Traditional Tales – Fantastic Mr Fox and Stories in Familiar Settings using the story of Little Red Riding Hood, as well as The Railway Children linking to our History topic. We will also be completing a unit on The Worst Witch and Non-Fiction: Letters and Postcards for our Christmas topic. For each genre of text, we will study how they are written, look at the type of language, punctuation and grammar used and work towards producing our own work in extended writing.

This term for the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling aspect of English we will be covering: capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks, forms of sentences: statement, command, exclamation and question, as well as beginning to look at verbs, whilst having a handwriting and punctuation focus throughout the whole term.

To encourage and extend the children's writing and vocabulary they will be given a selection of spellings with a 'Spelling pattern focus' to practice every week.

#### Art and Design Technology

In Art this term, we will be using the Railway Children Production as inspiration to create a piece of artwork. Rob Rowland will be our Artist of interest this term.

In Design and Technology, the children will design and make a vehicle with wheels – based on railways and the movement of trains.

Both of these topics are linked to our school trip to Shildon Railway Locomotion museum.

#### Music

In Music, we will be listening and singing to travelling songs such as, Wheels on Bus and jungle trail, with the focus of movement and actions, pulse and rhythm.

#### RE

In RE, we will be learning about why the Bible is special to Christians and how and why light is important at Christmas.

#### Topic: Geography and History

In History, we will be developing an awareness of the changes within living memory and events beyond living memory. Our topic will take the focus of revealing aspects of change in national life, through exploring Railways and the Life of George Stephenson.

In Geography, we will be learning about the geographical skills and fieldwork through exploring our school grounds and our local area, we will have opportunities to use simple compass directions and simple maps – selecting locations to photograph around school and the village and positioning on a map.

#### Science – Mr Underwood

In Science, we will be looking at animals including humans as well as Living things and their habitats. We will be sorting the animals into categories and investigate habitats and food chains. Our investigations will include exploring, sorting, classifying and identifying, problems solving.

#### Computing – Mr Underwood

This term in computing, we will be learning about algorithms and understanding how they are implemented as programs on digital devices. We will be making routes using precise instructions and learning how to debug simple programs.

#### PE

This term in PE, the children will be taking part in Games and Gymnastics. In Games, the children will be learning and developing basic game-playing skills, in particular throwing and catching. We will be playing games based on net games and striking and fielding games. Looking at attacking and defending in play and what that means – using space to avoid opponents, keeping the ball and scoring points. Our Gymnastics module will focus on investigating movement, stillness and using space effectively. We will be creating sequences with rolls, jumps and travelling.

#### Your support with your child's learning can make a big difference to the progress they make!

- Please listen to your child read and ask them questions about their reading. **Please ensure reading records are updated and reading books are brought into school every day.** It would be greatly beneficial if your child reads their reading books as often as possible at home– to gain understanding, fluency and confidence in their reading.
- Spellings are sent home every Monday evening and will focus upon our weekly 'Spelling Pattern of the Week'. Spellings will be tested the following Monday.
- Homework will be given on a Friday and to be completed and returned to school by Wednesday. Homework will have a focus consolidating learning from our week.
- Please ensure PE kit is in school at all times.