



## Aycliffe Village Primary School

Year 2 - Miss Craven

Welcome to Summer Term 2018 in Year 2!

We hope you are ready for another term full of fun-packed learning!

### Maths

This term in maths we will be covering a wide range of content focussing on Position and Direction, Measurement; time, mass, capacity and temperature and problem solving and efficient methods. 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 practise a range of number skills, methods and content.

### English

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. This will include a mix of fiction and non-fiction texts including; quest stories, favourite poems, fiction on the topic of the beach/sea, stories by the same author (Anthony Browne) recounts and information texts. For each genre of text, we will study how they are written, look at the type of language, punctuation and grammar used and also work towards producing our own work during extended writing lessons.

This term for the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling aspect of English we will be covering: Past and Present Tense, Suffixes: -ness, -er, -full, -less, -er and -est, changing adjectives into adverbs using -ly. We will also continue to have a focus on handwriting and punctuation 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 practise every week

### Art and Design Technology

In Art we will be drawing, painting and using collage to create, refine, develop and share ideas from our own experiences – with the focus on using colour, space and lines for effect. Our Art lessons will link with Science as we will be exploring colour and space through plants.

In Design and Technology the children will design and make a miniature structure of a garden or seaside – linked to our History or Science topic.

### PE

In the children will be following a programme with a Sports Coach, Mr Walton, with the main foci being Games, Dance and Athletics. In Games and Athletics, the children will have many opportunities to go outside and take advantage of the outdoor space we have at school. In Dance, the children will be creating and performing short dances that communicate different moods, feelings and ideas inspired by various subjects.

### Science

In Science we will be looking at Plants. We will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants, as well as finding out and describing how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. Our topic will take the focus of growing a sunflower – to understand the life cycle of a plant and investigate to find out the conditions needed to grow a plant.

### Computing Science

In Computing we will be learning how to use logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs. We will also use Digital Literacy to recognise common uses of information technology beyond school, as well as using technology safely – covering key principles of pupils' e-safety.

### History

In History we will be learning about 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 different phases in life with regards to old and new toys, old and new seaside images, houses and homes in the past and how they compare to our life now.

### Geography

During our Geography lessons we will be comparing and contrasting our local area with Brazil. We will be looking at geographical similarities and differences and human and physical features

### 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 more than once throughout the week – to gain understanding, fluency and confidence with 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 and that children have appropriate footwear for PE lessons outside.