

Aycliffe Village Primary School - Year 1 - Horse Chestnut Class  
Mrs Dean and Miss Richardson's Class Newsletter  
Spring Term 2020

Welcome to Horse Chestnut Class - we are really looking forward to a term of interesting and fun topics!



### Mathematics

The children will cover a variety of topics throughout this term; Number and Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Geometry.

In Maths this term we will focus upon using number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. We will be reading, writing and interpreting mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs. Adding and subtracting one-digit and two digit numbers to 20, including zero. Solving one step problems that involve addition and subtraction, using concrete objects and pictorial representations, and missing number problems such as  $7 = \square - 9$

### English

In English we will be reading and sharing a range of texts and poetry in our Spring Term! We will look at a range of genres starting with traditional tales. We will answer questions about texts, think about characters' actions and feelings and be doing writing linked to our texts, including a wanted poster for the big, bad wolf. In the second half of term we will look at Julia Donaldson stories including 'The snail and the whale'.

In Phonics this we will be introducing alternative spellings for sounds. Children will be learning new graphemes and alternative pronunciations for these; for example, learning that the grapheme 'ow' makes a different sound in the word 'cow' and 'snow'. We will also be introducing the split vowel diagraph, such as a\_e in the word 'name' - the presence of the 'e' turning the short vowel sound into a long vowel sound. They'll start to choose the right graphemes when spelling, and will learn more tricky words including 'people', 'water' and 'friend'.

### Science

The Science topics covered this term will be; Seasonal Changes, Everyday materials (following on from autumn's term learning) and Animals including Humans. In our Everyday Materials unit, we will continue to focus on the properties of materials and their uses. We will investigate and experiment with materials to find the most suitable material for an umbrella.

In our Animals, topic children learn about how humans and other animals are born, grow and change, and what we need to survive and be healthy. Children classify different kinds of animal babies, learn about the basic needs that are shared by humans and animals, and research the differing needs of animals within our care. Focusing their own experiences, children explore the need for humans to eat a varied diet, to keep themselves clean, and to take regular exercise. Throughout the unit, the learning materials encourage children to make positive choices that contribute to a healthy lifestyle.

## Geography / History

History - In History we will be learning about our old school building which is Aycliffe Village Hall. We will look at how school life was different in the past and some other aspects of Victorian life.

Geography - 'Me and my UK' - Our unit this term will focus upon location and place knowledge. The children will be learning all about the UK's countries, capitals and seas. This will lead to us locating the UK on the globe and where our country is situated in the World. We will be using Julia Donaldson's 'Snail and the Whale' to compare hot and cold climates.

## Art & D&T

In Art this term, we will be focusing on colour and collage - focusing particularly on what hot and cold colours are. We will look at how artists use colour to depict different feelings and emotions and focusing on colour in our own work.

Our D&T topic is 'Moving pictures'. We will be looking at books with moving parts and investigate their mechanisms. We will then create these mechanisms before designing and making our own book with moving parts based on a traditional tale.

## Computing

In Computing this term, we will be programming simple journeys and making sets of simple instructions for our Bee-Bots to follow. We will be programming our robots to get from one destination to another. In Digital Literacy, we will be continuing to focus on staying safe whilst online and the importance of keeping personal information private.

## Music

We will be looking at how different beats can be created in music. The children will be using their bodies as well as a range of un-tuned instruments to copy and create pulses and learn simple ways that these can be recorded.

## Religious Education

Our R.E this term will ask the question:

Why is Jesus special to Christians?

We will focus on Christian's beliefs about Jesus and stories about him. We will look at why Jesus is seen as inspirational people to some people by exploring key aspects of Jesus' life and teachings.

The children will consider why Jesus is so important to some people and about the idea of an inspiring person.

We will end the Unit with The Easter Story.

## P.E.

This term in PE, our topics will be Dance and Fundamental Movement Skills. In Dance, we will be looking at how our bodies can move and travel in different ways to convey feelings and emotion. We will be developing our own sequence over the topic to deliver to an audience.

In our Fundamental Movement Skills module, we will focus on movement skills; walking, running, jumping and hopping. We will also be developing our balance and stability skills - balancing, turning and dodging with a focus towards the end of the unit on object control - throwing, catching and kicking.

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

Please remember:

- We would encourage you to read and share books with your child as much as possible at home, as a love of reading can support in all aspects of your child's education.
- Homework will be handed out on Fridays and should be returned by the following **Wednesday**. Please support your child to remember to hand it in each week.
- Please have a clean PE kit in school at all times, our PE lessons are Wednesday and Friday this term but we may need PE kit on alternate days.
- Barnaby is Year 1's class bear. Each child will have the opportunity of taking Barnaby home with them for a weekend. The children will complete Barnaby's diary and share their adventures on their return to school!

Thank you for your continued support. Please contact us at school if you have any questions about any of the information on this newsletter.

Best wishes

Mrs Dean and Miss Richardson