



## Aycliffe Village Primary School

### Sycamore Class - Miss Craven

**Welcome to Spring Term 2020 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: Multiplication and Division, Statistics, Geometry: Properties of shapes, Number: Fractions and Measurement: Length and Height. 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 from other cultures– Aladdin. We will also be completing a unit on Instructions. Our reading and writing for the second half term will be based upon our class book- all will be revealed in time. 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 subordinating and coordinating conjunctions, apostrophes for possession and contraction, as well as adverbs and a range of suffixes, 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 and Design this term, we will be using the Great Fire of London as inspiration to create a piece of artwork. The children will be building structures using a range of materials, tools and adhesives to.

#### Topic: History and Geography

In History, we will be developing an awareness of events beyond living memory. Our topic will take the focus of revealing aspects of change in national life, such as housing, clothing and jobs through exploring The Great Fire of London.

In Geography, we will be learning about the Human and Physical Geography through comparing and contrasting coastal locations in the UK with the local area and identifying the different human and physical geographical features on aerial photographs.

#### Computing – Mr Underwood

This term in computing, we will be continuing to learn about algorithms and how to debug simple programs.

We will be learning how to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital data.

#### RE

In RE, we will be learning about Belonging in Christianity and how Christians show they belong through learning about Baptisms.

This term, we will also be holding a 'Baptism' service at the local Church and having a visit from our local Reverend to discuss the meaning of Baptisms in more detail.

#### Science – Mr Underwood

In Science, we will be looking at Uses of Everyday materials. Exploring the useful properties of materials with a range of investigations involving absorbency and flexibility. This topic has some links to our History topic and Art and Design topic of making models or houses and buildings from the Great Fire of London, as we will be exploring a range of different materials.

#### PE

This term in PE, the children will be taking part in Dance. In Dance, the children will be working with myself and a PE coach from SSP (Sedgefield Sport Partnership) to create and use simple movement patterns.

Our Games module will focus on participating in a range of games in order to develop simple tactics for attacking and defending.

#### **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 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.