



Aycliffe Village Primary School

Sycamore Class - Miss Craven

Welcome to Autumn 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: 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. We will be recapping a range of different basic Maths skills from Year 1 in order to ensure that there are no gaps in the children's learning.

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. 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. Due to the circumstances last Year, we will be recapping Phase 2-4 and then we will continue Phonics from where Year 1 left off.

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.

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.

Music – Mr Underwood

In Music, we are using a new scheme called **Charanga**, where we will be looking at the topic **Hands, Feet, Heart**. This topic is inspired by music from South Africa. This scheme has been adapted to ensure a safe environment following certain restrictions in the classroom.

RE

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

PE – Miss Craven and Mr Underwood

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.

Science

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 E-Safety and the importance of staying safe on the internet. We will also be looking at making routes using simple instructions and learning how to debug simple programs.

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.

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.
- For homework this half term, I will be sending a booklet of Phonics sounds and spellings home. There is an expectation that the booklet is completed and returned at the end of Autumn term (before Christmas holidays).
- The children will be doing **PE** on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child wears their **PE** kit to school on the day and that all items are clearly labelled with their names.