



## Aycliffe Village Primary School



### *Great oaks from tiny acorns grow* **Horse Chestnut Summer 2023 Newsletter**

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### **Curriculum**

Welcome to the Summer Term in Horse Chestnut Class! We are really looking forward to all the fun we'll have this term!

As in previous terms, reading continues to be a big focus, particularly with the Phonics Screening Check coming up. We appreciate you all ensuring that your child's reading book and record are brought into school every day and ask only that you write a quick note in the reading record each time you read with your child at home. We have been very pleased with the progress the children have made in phonics and hope that you are seeing an improvement in their reading ability, too. In Maths, we will be looking at multiplication (groups of 2, 5 and 10) and division (grouping and sharing), fractions (halves and quarters), position and direction, place value of numbers to 100, time and money.

Our Science topic this term is plants. We will be finding out about the different parts of plants as well as how they grow and the different varieties. We will also be looking at seasonal change for both for Spring and Summer, thinking about changes in weather, hours of daylight and clothing.

This term in Geography, we will be finding out about the UK and its surrounding seas. In History, the focus is on a significant historical figure from our area so we will be finding out all about Grace Darling. In Art, we will be working in 3D, building up to making models of birds. In DT, we will be making a working lighthouse to go with our work on Grace Darling.

### ***Things to Remember:***

PE Kit should be brought into school at the beginning of each half term, **with everything clearly labelled**, and will be sent home again at the end of the half term. The children are getting much better at getting changed but we still find the odd stray pair of shorts so making sure everything is labelled is very helpful! Please also ensure that earrings are either removed or children have plasters with them to cover them.

On Friday children will bring home their homework book. We ask please that homework is completed and returned to school by the following Wednesday.

