

Autumn 1 2025 Newsletter - Welcome Back!

I hope you all had a lovely summer. This is your final year in Key Stage 1, and we are going to have a fantastic time together—building new skills and strengthening the ones you already have.

Homework:

- Reading at home at least three times a week is expected in Year 2. Please ensure an adult signs the reading diary and adds a short comment.
- Weekly spellings should be practised at home. These will continue to be tested every Tuesday.
- Occasionally, there may also be extra home learning tasks linked to what we are covering in class.

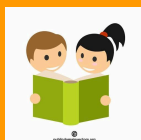
~Art and Design or

~Design and Technology~

The children will be painting their annual self portrait which will be added to the gallery in the hall. For the rest of the half term, it will be a Design and Technology focus on slides and levers. The children will design, make and evaluate! Then they will be able to use these skills to create their very own products! Watch this space!

~Literacy~

We will make sure that we have no gaps in our reading of sounds by continuing with our Read, Write Inc program, as well as exploring different tests through our Pie Corbett class reader books and our Literacy Tree ones. This term our focus books are: Lizzie and the Cloud, Gorilla and Amazing Grace. Spellings will be in line with the National Curriculum expectations and will be taught in school, for rehearsal at home. We will continue to learn additional high frequency words too.



~P.E~



We will be learning new speed, agility and coordination skills within the theme of Football with the help of the staff from 1st for Footy on a Thursday! Swimming will continue at the Leisure Centre on a Tuesday. Exciting times ahead.

~PSHE~

'What is the same and different about us?' is the key question we will explore. In Cojo's, we will learn more about Steve Backshall and who he is - learning about his thoughts on conservation and learning about some of his adventures and the skills he has developed along the way.



~Mathematics~

We will continue to follow the Whiterose Maths Scheme, as well as our 10 mins additional time using the Maths Mastery approach. This half term, we will be focusing on place value with numbers up to 100, as well as being able to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. Then we will move onto addition and subtraction, with the focus on number bonds, adding and taking away 1s and 10s from numbers within 100, with speed and confidence!



~Science~

'Animals, including humans' is the unit of study this half term. The key questions we will explore are: How long should my pets live for? Do all animals grow and live the same way? Do bigger animals live longer? Why are we all different heights? How and why do we grow and change?

~History~

Grace Darling is our key person we will be researching this term. We will learn about why she is still remembered today. We will place her on our class timeline of people we have been learning about so far. If anyone has any spare weekends to enhance this topic, there is a Grace Darling Museum in Bamburgh and there is also a special Grave in the Churchyard at St Aidan's too.

~R.E~

Our focus this half term is to celebrate religions in our local area. We have asked Reverend Elaine and any of our families to help us with this topic, so we can listen and compare respectfully different people's views about why their faith is important to them.



~Computing~

'Information Technology around us' is the topic title and, in this unit of work, we will look at the equipment we have, how it is used at school, in the home, in workplaces and across the world. We will also learn the importance of using it safely too.



~Music~

We are going to combine songs, movement, and learn to play simple instruments in a fun, engaging way. Together, we will explore rhythm and pitch, through a variety of songs.



We will also explore different environmental sounds and use the outdoors to create our own music too.

With the help of Busy Things, under the Music Tab we will try to create our very own musical tunes!