

Autumn Newsletter Class 2



Welcome back everyone, we hope you have all had a lovely summer. We are very excited about our new school year and we have planned lots of fun and interesting activities to engage the children and support learning. Please do visit the class 2 blog on the school website, class 2 Seesaw account and the school twitter page for up-to-date information and photos of our learning as the term gets underway.

This term we will be focussing on:

Geography - Local study of Brandesburton Village

History - History of local agriculture and farming

Science - Living things and their habitats

P.E. - Team games and dance

Art - Drawing and water colour painting relating to our geography and history focus

D.T. - Food technology relating to local produce

PSHE - Developing our Toolkit for Life with the Jigsaw unit 'Being me in my world'

Computing - Online safety, Effective Searching and Questioning using Purple Mash units

We will be starting our English work off by looking at the brilliant book 'Giraffes Can't Dance' which will be the catalyst for the pupil's own character descriptions based on the book.

P.E. We will have outdoor team games on Monday and dance on Friday this term. As last year, pupils should come to school on their P.E. days wearing their P.E. kit. The children will need a white t-shirt and their choice of black shorts, leggings or joggers plus a plain hoody as the days get colder. Trainers are also needed. (Plimsolls are not strong enough for when the weather starts to get wetter). Long hair needs to be tied back and children wearing earrings need to be able to remove them, or put tape over them independently where possible.

Reading: Please read with your child regularly to help develop a love of reading and improve comprehension skills in independent reading. A minimum of three times a week is the school expectation but the more the better! This doesn't always have to be your child's school book. If your child is obsessed with finding out about dinosaurs - go with it! We will be continuing with the Read Write Inc programme and some children will be in a small RWI group and will access this programme daily. Other children will study a longer text focussing on comprehension and written responses to questions. Books relating to the RWI programme will be sent home weekly as before. Pupils who have completed the RWI programme will choose a book from the school selection of banded books and can change this when they have finished it if there is evidence of home reading in their reading log.

Homework: Your child will receive regular homework. This will be primarily be posted on the class Seesaw account and completed homework should be uploaded to Seesaw. Please let us know if you have any issues accessing Seesaw so we can sort this out promptly. Your child will also be issued with a homework book to use at home for any additional work that they wish to undertake. Key areas that you can focus on at home to consolidate year 1 skills and help your child be ready to move on in year 2 include; helping your child to be able read and then spell the phase 2-5, year 1 (and then year 2) tricky word spellings, learning by heart number bonds to 10 (and then 20), practise adding and subtracting within 10 and then 20, learning the 2 times table (and then 10x and 5x) and practise writing sentences that start with capital letters and finish with full stops. Remember all children are different and learn at different rates so please don't worry, anything you can do to support your child's learning is greatly appreciated. Pupils will also have Purple Mash logins for additional tasks that can be completed at home.

Thank-you in advance for your support. Please don't hesitate to pop and see us at the beginning or end of the school day if you have a query or please email if this is easier plattenk@brandesburton.eriding.net and joplinn@brandesburton.eriding.net and of course you can always reach us via telephone by contacting the school office. For reference, Mrs Platten will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in class 2 and Mrs Joplin will be teaching Thursday and Friday in class 2.

Kind regards,

Mrs Platten and Mrs Joplin