

# Class 2 Newsletter

St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School

Terms 5 & 6 2018



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school for terms 5 and 6 in Class 2! I hope you enjoyed the Easter break and found the rest time valuable.

We had an incredibly exciting end to term 4 with the arrival of our four chicks. Cheeky, Fluffy, Sapphire and Cheep have all settled in well to their new home. Mr Oliver is hoping that some of them will be hens this year. Cockerels can be very noisy! Time will tell and I will provide up-dates to the children about their progress.

Throughout terms 5 and 6, we will be starting some new topics. We will be investigating different animals and their habitats. We learn about a variety of food chains in nature and how to classify animals.

In DT we will design and make our own 3D vehicles. The vehicles have a working chassis, axles and wheels. I have asked the children to start thinking about what kind of vehicle they might want to make. In the past, box shaped lorries, camper vans or ice cream vans have been very popular!

We will also be learning about China as part of our Geography topic of comparing contrasting locations. We will investigate and compare the climate and conditions of our 'island continent' and China.

During May, the children will be taking part in their end of key stage assessment 'quizzes'. This is a very important but non-threatening time for the children when they will have quality time in small groups to demonstrate their achievements in maths and reading as well as spelling, punctuation and grammar. The only preparation the children need is to have lots of sleep and the normal reading and homework time. A judgement will then be made based on all of their schoolwork this year, along with their results from the tests. You will receive a copy of your child's results along with their report in July.

Homework books will continue to be distributed on Friday and returned on a Wednesday so that they can be marked in time to go out again.

I would like to thank you for supporting us in Class 2, please do continue to ask us any questions about what the children are learning.

*Mrs Wallis and Miss Harkins*

## A Few Things to Remember...

- **PE Shoes**

Just a reminder that the children need both an indoor and an outdoor pair of shoes to be provided for PE. In the summer months we use the top field for athletics work but also the hall in very hot weather.

I do have a collection of 'random' plimsoles in my lost property box. Please check that your shoes are named or if you have lost any, please ask!

- **BBC 'Supermovers' website**

We have been using this website for fun dance sessions at the beginning of lessons. The dances are tailored for the KS1 curriculum and include songs/dances about punctuation and times tables.

The children may also want to interact with at these at home!