

Class 2 Newsletter

St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School

Terms 5 & 6 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

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

We had an incredibly exciting end to term 4 with the arrival of our four chicks. Shadow, Fluffy, Spotty and Snuggles have all settled in well to their new home. I will provide up-dates to the children about their progress.



Throughout terms 5 and 6, we will be starting some exciting new topics. We are going to be exploring Australia as part of our Geography topic. We will be investigating and comparing their climate, culture and animals, as well as studying Aboriginal art and making Aboriginal style sculptures. Class 2 will be researching the history of lifeboats in our local area and learning how to stay safe by the sea.

In Science we will be spending time outside investigating different animals and their habitats. We will also learn about a variety of food chains in nature and how to classify animals.

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.

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 Geere and Miss Harkins

Home Learning

Home Learning will continue to be handed out on a Friday and is to be returned on a Wednesday, so that it can be marked in time to go home again. The children are aware that it is their responsibility to put their homework book in the box each week.

Can you help?

We are developing the year 1 and 2 outdoor area. Can you donate any of the following item?

Please talk to a member of the KS1 team if you are able to help.

- Herbs for our sensory garden, tomato plants, strawberry plants
- Wooden stepping stones and disks – various sizes
- Guttering and pipes (approx. 1 to 2m)
- Milk crates
- Planks of wood or decking
- Builders tray (tuff spot)
- Metal kitchen utensils, weighing scales
- Wooden crates or shelving to be used for storage outdoors



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' plimsolls in my lost property box. Please check that your child's shoes are named and if you have lost any, please ask!

BBC 'Supermovers' website

We are using this website for fun dance sessions during the school day. 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 these at home!