



Donington on Bain Primary School

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Class 2 Autumn Term 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a great half term break and are ready for the new Autumn term. There are lots of exciting lessons planned for this Autumn term, and with the build up to Christmas it will certainly be a magical half term.

Our topic for both Autumn terms will be 'Movers and Shakers'.

In **English** - We will be focusing on non-fiction instruction writing. We will also have a poetry unit.

In **Maths** we will be focusing on subtraction, money, multiplication, and shape. Whilst also revisiting previously taught maths knowledge, alongside our daily times table practice.

In **Science**, our topic is 'Habitats', this project teaches children about habitats and what a habitat needs to provide. They explore local habitats to identify, and name living things and begin to understand how they depend on one another for food and shelter.

In **History**, our topic is 'Movers and Shakers' and it is over both Autumn Terms. We will be learning about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world. We will learn to use timelines, stories and historical sources to find out about the people featured and use historical models to explore their significance.

In **Geography**, over both Autumn terms we will learn about atlases, maps and cardinal compass points. We will learn about the characteristics of the four countries of the United Kingdom and find out why there are hot, temperate and cold places around the world.



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In **Design and Technology**, our topic over both Autumn terms is 'Remarkable Recipes'. We will learn about sources of food and tools used for food preparation. We will also discover why some foods are cooked and learn to read a simple recipe. The children choose and make a new school meal that fulfils specific design criteria.

In **Computing** our topic is Scratch Jnr.

In **Art** our topic is still life. This project teaches children about the work of significant still life artists and still life techniques. They explore a wide variety of still life's and learn about the use of colour and composition. They create still life arrangements and artwork.

In **RE** we will be learning about Advent and how Christians celebrate Christmas. And also how Hanukkah is celebrated in Judaism.

In **Music**, our focus will be the Nativity.

In **PSHE/RSE** - the learning focus is about celebrating differences. The children will discuss differences between each other, bullying, making friends and celebrating themselves.

P.E. and Nature School will both take place on a Wednesday.

P.E will be taught by Mr H and Nature School will be taught by Mrs Smith.

In **P.E.** the focus will be invasion skills.

Nature School

Mrs Smith will teach Nature School on a Wednesday for Class 2. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing for Nature School and ensure their legs are covered for health and safety reasons. The children go outside in all weathers and therefore need clothing suitable for the conditions.

Show and Tell

A further letter for show and tell is attached.

Welly boots and waterproofs etc

Please make sure your child has a pair of welly boots which can be left at school.

Welly boots are not just for Nature School! The children also wear them at playtimes and for other activities throughout the week. Also, please remember a waterproof



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coat and sun hat and apply sun cream if it is sunny. Suncream cannot be shared and please label bottles/tubs.

Home Learning

Please support your child through the following activities at home:

- Regular reading at home - ideally, short daily sessions. Please record all reading in the reading record provided. We have issued every child with a reading for pleasure book and will be sending home a levelled reading book soon.
- Regular spelling practice - Spelling tests will not be held, but regular informal assessments of your children's spelling of the Common Exception Word list will be carried out. The word lists can be found on the school's website. We will also provide a paper copy.
- Phonics - any practice of sounds at home is always greatly appreciated.

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words							
Year 1			Year 2				
the	they	one	door	gold	plant	clothes	
a	be	once	floor	hold	path	busy	
do	he	ask	poor	told	bath	people	
to	me	friend	because	every	hour	water	
today	she	school	find	great	move	again	
of	we	put	kind	break	prove	half	
said	no	push	mind	steak	improve	money	
says	go	pull	behind	pretty	sure	Mr	
are	so	full	child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs	
were	by	house	children	after	eye	parents	
was	my	our	wild	fast	could	Christmas	
is	here		climb	last	should	everybody	
his	there		most	past	would	even	
has	where		only	father	who		
I	love		both	class	whole		
you	come		old	grass	any		
your	some		cold	pass	many		

The Class 2 team are very excited for a wonderfully fun term ahead of us. If you have any queries, please do let us know and we are more than happy to listen and help.

Kind regards

Mrs Morgan, Mrs Streatfield and Mrs Braithwaite.

Class 2 Teaching Team.



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