



Donington on Bain Primary School

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8th September 2025

Class 2 Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and feel well rested and ready for the start of the school year. To those who were in Class 2 last year - Welcome back, I'm sure you've all grown and have many stories of summer to share! And to those new members of Class 2 - A warm welcome and we promise Class 2 will be super fun with lots of new learning! We have lots of fun and exciting lessons planned so we hope it will be a fun, engaging and happy first term of the school year.

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

In **English** - We will be focusing on fiction writing and looking at setting and description. We will also have a poetry unit.

In **Maths** we will be focusing on time, number and place value as well as addition. Whilst also revisiting previously taught maths knowledge, alongside our daily times table practice.

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.

In **Art and Design**, we will be learning about basic colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. This topic includes an exploration of primary and secondary colours and how artists use colour in their artwork.

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.



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In **Science**, our topic is 'human survival', we will learn about the basic needs of humans for survival, including the importance of exercise, nutrition and good hygiene. We will also learn how human offspring grow and change over time into adulthood.

In **Computing** we will be writing instructions for people and for Bee-Bots and we will programme Bee-Bots and identify mistakes in a sequence.

In **RE**, our focus will be Christianity and Islam and how they know what to believe and thinking about what both religions learn about their Gods through their Holy books.

In **PSHE**, the learning focus is about 'being me in my world'. The children will look at what it means to feel special and safe, their own rights and responsibilities, consequences, rewards and feeling proud.

In **Music** we will be exploring Seaside sounds and thinking about how music represents an environment, we will create a seaside soundscape and identify how dynamics can reflect environments.

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

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

In P.E. the focus will be fundamental movement 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 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.



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- Phonics - any practice of sounds at home is always greatly appreciated.

| Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words | | | | | | | |
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| 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 to welcome you all for a super 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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