



Newby and Scalby Primary School

Year 2 Newsletter Term 3 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the Christmas break.

Below is a little summary of what we are aiming to achieve by the end of Term 3.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

In Term 3, we will be exploring the world and learning about different climates.

In Geography we will be learning about the equator, continents, countries and oceans around the world. We will learn what climates are, how they vary around the world and why. We will also look at the effect climate has on living things and how they are adapted to survive. Some of the key words we will be learning are: country, continent, Equator, North Pole, South Pole, Ocean, Arctic, Antarctic, Oceania, Africa, Asia, Europe, Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Southern Ocean, map, globe, atlas
North, South, East, West, South West, South East, North West, North East.

In Science we will be learning about materials, and we will use this knowledge to create a waterproof vessel to travel around the world.

We will be using our learning to create a production to be performed in the final week for parents.



ENGLISH:

In Term 3, we will be reading *One Day on our Blue Planet* by Ella Bailey. We will be writing poetry and narratives, developing our descriptive style. Our grammar and punctuation work will continue to focus on consistently using capital letters and full stops and beginning to use other types of punctuation such as question marks, exclamation marks and commas.



SPELLING:

A weekly spelling homework task will be given out on a Monday, designed to practice and reinforce the spellings we are learning in class. Please support your child by helping prepare them for the test on the following Monday using the spelling list provided. We appreciate the continued support with any type of spelling practice taking place at home.

We continue to learn the Phase 5 spelling patterns, following the Little Wandle Phonics Programme as well as learning to spell the Year 2 common exception words (see below).

Year 2 Common Exception Words

after	class	floor	most	pretty
again	climb	gold	move	prove
any	clothes	grass	Mr	should
bath	could	great	Mrs	steak
beautiful	cold	half	old	sugar
because	door	hold	only	sure
behind	even	hour	parents	told
both	every	improve	pass	water
break	everybody	kind	past	whole
busy	eye	last	path	who
child	fast	many	people	wild
children	father	mind	plant	would
Christmas	find	money	poor	



MATHS:

This term's maths focuses are money and multiplication and division. We will also have daily fluency sessions to practise the addition and subtraction skills we learnt last term. We will use the concrete, pictorial, abstract method, a highly effective approach to teaching that develops a deep and sustainable understanding of maths in pupils.

This follows the White Rose teaching approach and scheme.



first group	
second group	
total	



$$6 + 1 = 7$$

RE:

This term we will be focusing on 'What can we learn from sacred books?' Bible stories, stories from the Qu'ran and the Torah.

PSHE:

In term 3, our focus will be 'Becoming an Active Citizen'. We will explore debating, peoples needs vs wants, belonging to groups and communities and looking after my environment.

The children will learn that people and other living things have needs and learn to recognise their own responsibility to meet those needs. They will also learn how to contribute positively to the life of the class and the school and what improves and harms the environment and about some of the ways people look after them.

PE:

This term will be a gymnastics unit. The focus of the learning is to apply 'champion gymnastics' to explore different movements that pupils can link together.

Class 5's PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Class 6's PE days are Thursdays and Fridays.

Children will need to wear PE Kit with trainers into school on their PE days as well as long hair tied up and earrings removed.

HOME LEARNING:

Home Learning will also be given out on Mondays. The children will be given Maths questions to complete linked to their learning in class. Alongside the spellings, the children will be given an additional task that will also be linked to the learning from that week. Please remember to return any borrowed reading or reading for pleasure books.

Please continue to send in pictures and news to the year 2 email. The children love sharing these in class.

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