



Class 1 Newsletter Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a relaxing half term holiday and that batteries have been re-charged for what is going to be a very busy few weeks. This half term promises lots of exciting activities and events as we build up to Christmas.

School is always very busy which is why we like to get started promptly at 9:00am. Children can come into school from 8:50am but we do close the gate and lock the door at 9:00am for safe guarding reasons. If you arrive and find the gate shut please can you walk around to the main door at the front of the building where you will be let in. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

As ever, if you need to speak to us about anything please pop in.

Kind regards Mrs Browne and Mrs Mather

Curriculum and Topics

This half term we will be working on a "Light and Dark" topic and will cover the following areas:

- Science— Identifying trees and plants and studying their structure.
- Computing— continuing to use multi media to record experiences.
- History— Guy Fawkes and the gun powder plot—local history link to Hornby Castle.
- DT— 2D sheet materials—exploring mechanisms eg. pop ups, slides and levers.
- Music—tempo with songs and compositions based on dark and light.
- PSHE— Safety in the dark and Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Awareness.
- RE— "Christmas - Why do we give and receive gifts? "
- PE— gymnastics— rolls, balances, jumps and travel. Diddi Dance (Nursery & Reception)

Literacy— Narrative—Stories with repetitive patterns eg. "A dark, dark tale" and "This is the bear and the scary night."
— Non-fiction— recounts of familiar events.

Year 1 and 2's spelling books should be sent into school on Mondays ready for the weekly test.

There is also the expectation that children read regularly at home, daily if possible for 15 minutes or more. Please comment in the reading record book when this has happened. Thank you.

Numeracy— the emphasis will be on addition and subtraction.
Topic maths will include mass and money.

Please remember to send Maths Homework folders in on a Wednesday ready for new work to be sent home.

And finally....

If anyone has collected lots of conkers, pinecones or acorns over the holidays and could spare some we could use them in our lessons.

Lots of children haven't got labelled uniform or PE kit which does make it extremely tricky matching it to the right child. Please ensure pen written labelling hasn't washed off and recycled uniform has had the previous owner's name removed. Any unidentifiable clothing will go into our lost property cupboard.

Thank you.

