

Class 2

Spring 1 Learning Letter January 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

Happy new year! I hope that like me you have all enjoyed a well deserved break with your family over Christmas. We have an exciting term ahead in class 2 and I am looking forward to getting started.

If you have any questions throughout this half term, please do not hesitate to email me through school. This letter includes key information, dates and homework for the term.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Giles

Day to day routine

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><u>Swimming:</u> We will swim at Nidderdale High School, Need swimming things in school.</p>		<p><u>PE</u> Full kit should be in school for PE in the afternoon.</p>		<p><u>Celebration Assembly</u> Every 3 weeks, please check the newsletter for dates.</p>

Children should have water bottles in school. A healthy snack for break time is also recommended. Bottles need to go home to be cleaned over the weekend.



Homework

We really appreciate the time taken to support your child at home and can see the difference it makes to your child's progress.

Children should aim to complete the below weekly:

- Reading daily (please ensure reading records are signed weekly) When reading with your child, please discuss any new vocabulary they encounter and encourage them to use it in different contexts thus building on their existing knowledge.
- Statutory spellings - Please learn the Spring 1 words.
- Times Table Rockstars and Spelling shed. These make a tremendous difference to the children's progress and the more they can do the better. Several short sessions are more effective than one longer one.

Below, there is additional topic-based homework that can be completed over the half term to deepen and extend knowledge learned in school. This needs to be handed in / emailed to admin or submitted

on See-Saw by **Monday 3rd February**. This will enable us to share the children's wonderful work at the end of the half term.

History - Design an Egyptian scroll with information about the Egyptians on it. Can you include some hieroglyphs?

Maths - write a shopping list with prices on it. Can you work out how much you will need to spend in total and how much change you should get?

Science - Make Ice Cream:

Pour a little cream, sugar and flavouring into a small plastic bag.

Seal the bag and put in larger bag with salt and ice.

Manipulate until ice crystals form in the cream. Eat!

Homework ideas...

Art - Can you create a fact file about Alma Thomas? You could create a painting in her style.

Netball

Draw a map of a netball court with positions and the rules on it.

English How long can you manage to keep a **diary** for? Write about what has happened or how you feel. Try to include lots of things that you have done that make you feel good.

Computing - Use Purplemash to create a blog using skills from last term. You can also comment on the class blog.

PSHE - Create a household budget, imagine that you are in charge of running your households finances. Balance your incomings with your outgoings!

I am very excited to see your projects! These are just some suggestions, feel free to come up with your own ideas. Be as creative as you can.

If you have any issues/queries or need support with resources, just get in touch.

Learning this half term

Art

Alma Thomas

We will be looking at the work of artist Alma Thomas. We will create sea creature inspired works to display in a federation wide art exhibition in Ripley castle.

Music

Pentatonic melodies and composition

(Chinese New Year dragon dance)

Science

States of Matter

The children will be looking at how materials change state through evaporating / condensing and melting / freezing. This leads to investigating the water cycle and the impact of rising global temperatures.

Computing

Spreadsheets

The children will learn how to enter data into spreadsheets, write formulae to use data and create a computational model.

R.E: Why do people pray?

In R.E, we will be learning what happens in Islamic Prayer and comparing this to Christian prayer.

PSHE

Economic Wellbeing

We will look at money: earning it, keeping track of it and looking after it. What influences job choices?

History

Ancient Egyptians

The children will be learning about the Egyptians; where did they live? What did they believe? Why and how did the Egyptians mummify people?

P.E

Netball & Swimming

We will swim on Mondays at Nidderdale High school, on Wednesdays we will learn how to play Netball.

Mathematics

Multiplication and division and then geometry.

English

In English we will use the book Wild Robot to inform the writing of non-chronological reports, a diary and an explanation text.