

## Number work/Times tables

As part of ongoing maths lessons the year 2 children will be counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s and years 3 and 4 children will be working on times tables, appropriate to their ability. The children are **encouraged to learn tables by...**

1. Writing them down  $1 \times 5 = 5$ ,  $2 \times 5 = 10$
2. Learning and chanting this in order
3. Answering out of order with quick recall

It takes effort and much revision for instant recall to be embedded and each times table needs to be reviewed often. As a guide by the end of year 3 they must be very secure with  $2 \times$ ,  $5 \times$ ,  $10 \times$  then  $3 \times$ ,  $4 \times$  and  $8 \times$ . Year 4 need to know all multiplication and division facts up to  $12 \times 12$ . Revisiting times tables once learnt is expected at every stage. Learning tables is ongoing homework and support and help from home is always appreciated.

## Homework

All children are expected to read 10-15 mins every day, and will have weekly paper homework set on Mondays which should be returned by the next Monday. IDL is an online spelling and reading programme which all our class access in school time. It has proved so popular and very worthwhile and can be accessed at home via [www.idlcloud.com](http://www.idlcloud.com). Maths homework comes in the form of online work on My Maths website paid for by the FOLS.

**Work is tailored specifically to your child's** ability and these programs provide safe ways to practise and consolidate essential concepts. You will receive separate letters with login and password details.

## Fruit, Milk and Tuck Shop

Only Year 2 have fruit/veg provided for morning snack so this year, Years 3 and 4 are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit/veg to eat together and/or order school milk. Years 3 and 4 can visit our healthy tuck shop. A milk order form is sent home every term and should be returned with money please. Our tuck shop sells a range of goodies such as rice cakes and bread sticks. Prices range between 10p and 20p. Money should always be kept in a clearly named purse.

## Access to Water

We are a long way from the water fountain so in order to make water easily available to the children during class time we encourage them to bring a named plastic cup or water bottle so they can draw fresh water from the taps. Please bring these in and keep them in a yellow tray in the sink area in our classroom.

## Support in the Classroom

Mrs Eileen Mason, a higher level teaching assistant, supports Skiddaw class every morning. From time to time we welcome student teachers. On Monday afternoons Madame Laurence Luckham teaches French.

The Pupils/Skiddaw section of our website is where we publish information, video and photos. Do take a look every now and then to see what we have been up to. [www.levens.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.levens.cumbria.sch.uk)

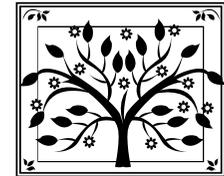
Please feel free to come and look round the **classroom, look at displays and see your child's** work - you are always welcome.

Rachael Wadey

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## Welcome to Skiddaw

### Useful Information



Levens C E School  
015395 60694  
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Break time  
10.30 – 10.50  
Dinner time  
12.00-1.00

Years 2, 3 and 4 are taught together every day by Mrs Rachael Wadey supported by Mrs Eileen Mason.

Our website [www.levens.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.levens.cumbria.sch.uk) is the place to find our calendar of events and read all about what we have been doing in our new school blog.

Many of these details are particular to our class and so we hope it might prove a useful reference!

## Reading Books

Each child will be given a reading record book and will choose a book in the first week of the new term. Reading books are carefully monitored and are increasingly the responsibility of the children as they progress in this class. Book bags need to be in school every day and they should be taken home every evening. Please check book bags for important letters and notes. Children should put finished books and reading records in the yellow homework tray so we can monitor and change them. We expect children to read every day. This does not always mean to an adult, reading quietly independently is a very important skill to develop but depends upon reading ability. We value parents comments in reading record books though we encourage the children to make their own comments too as they become more fluent readers. The children are lucky to have a very wide range of books to choose from poetry, fiction, picture books, magazines and comics and all have access to our library for non-fiction books. Some children will be given suitable books but, when appropriate, we encourage the children to make their own decisions about what they want to read. If your child is choosing books feel free to come in and choose with your child at the end or beginning of the day if you wish.

## PE (Physical Education)

We like to take advantage of good weather to be outside, therefore all children must have a basic PE kit in school every day with all items named and in a bag on their peg.

Basic kit: black shorts, blue T-shirt, plimsolls  
Essential winter additions: (we do go out in cold and wet weather too!) - warm tracksuit bottoms or leggings, warm long sleeved jumper, spare socks and trainers.

We are clear about the wearing of earrings and stipulate that children must *themselves* remove earrings for PE and swimming. For PE they can be covered with plasters and long hair must be tied back so spare hair bands are a useful addition to their kit.

## Praise and Rewards

Achievements in behaviour and work are praised through many and varied actions such as thumbs up, smiles, rounds of applause and verbal and written praise and team points. Children may also be mentioned in our Golden Book, which is added to by all staff members, and this is shared with the whole school in Good Work Assembly each Friday. Our Friday **"Planning" session where children have a** choice of activities is earned through good attitudes to learning and good behaviour.

## Letters and Money

All money sent into school must be in a named and labelled envelope. Every time your child is absent from school we need a short letter or email of explanation from parents. Please put all money, slips and letters into our class **'Green Box'** as this ensures safe delivery to the office every morning rather than risking handing it to an adult in the morning rush.

## Swimming—Year 2, 3, 4 5 and 6

NEW TIME- Wednesday mornings  
starting 14th Sept

Children will have swimming lessons at the Leisure Centre in Kendal during the autumn term for a block of 10 weeks. We travel by coach. Children are grouped according to ability. A swimming instructor, oversees what is taught and each adult helper takes a group. Staff members this year will be Mrs Mason, Mrs Wadey and Mr Wadey and a parent volunteer. Girls are asked to wear one piece swim suits and the boys swimming trunks. Each child needs a towel too. The use of goggles is discouraged but allowed with a signed parent permission slip. These are only needed for new swimmers and are available from Mrs Mason. As children progress they may need to bring additional clothes to wear. Children needing this are given letters with relevant information. Earrings must be removed. **\*\*New for this year - we would like everyone to wear a swimming hat in the pool please regardless of the length of their hair. In true Olympic style this is to allow smooth flow through the water and so children do not have wet hair during the rest of the day in school.\*\***

Children may have the chance to achieve distance and other awards. Children involved will be given information by letter and taking part may involve parents organising transport themselves as these special sessions usually fall outside of our normal swimming time. School provides all certificates but badges can be bought from Mrs Mason.