

Number work/Times tables

As part of maths lessons year 2 children will count forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s and then move onto times tables. Years 3 and 4 children will work on times tables, appropriate to their ability. The children are encouraged to learn tables by...

1. Learning the sequence of answers forwards and backwards
3, 6, 9, 12 and 36, 33, 30
2. Then learning and chanting the complete calculation
 $1 \times 3 = 3$, $2 \times 3 = 6$ and $3 \div 3 = 1$, $6 \div 3 = 2$
3. Followed by learning calculations 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 2 they should be secure with multiplication and division facts linked to 2x, 5x, 10x. Year 3 move onto revising these and learning 3x, 4x and 8x. Year 4 need to know all multiplication and division facts up to 12x12. Revisiting tables facts once learnt is expected at every stage. Learning tables is ongoing homework and support and help from home is always appreciated.

Fruit, Milk and Tuck Shop

Year 2 have fruit/veg provided for morning snack to be eaten at playtime. Children in Year 3 upwards are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit/veg to eat or visit our healthy tuck shop. Anyone in Skiddaw class may order milk. 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 and is the child's responsibility.

Homework

All children are expected to read 10-15 mins every day. They will have weekly paper homework which will usually be English, Maths or topic based. Maths homework also comes in the form of online work on My Maths website paid for by the FOLS. All homework is set on Mondays and is due in the following Monday, allowing homework to be fitted around other weekly commitments.

IDL is an online spelling and reading programme which all our class access in school time. It has proved so popular and is very worthwhile. This can be accessed at home too via app.idlsgroup.com.

All homework 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.

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 bringing a named plastic cup or water bottle so fresh water can be drawn from the tap. Please bring these in and keep them on the shelf in the sink area of 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 Thursday afternoons Mrs Craggs teaches PE.

The Pupils/Skiddaw section of our website is where we publish information, videos and photos. Do take a look every now and then to see what we have been up to. 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.

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Welcome to Skiddaw

Useful Information



Levens CE School
015395 60694

Break time
10.40 – 10.40
Dinner time
11.45 - 1.00 Y2
12.00 - 1.00 Y3&4

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

Our website

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 school blog.

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

Reading Books

Children will continue using their reading record books 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 in class 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 with your child at the end or beginning of the day if you wish.

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.

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 Celebration Assembly each Friday. Our Friday "Planning" session where children have a choice of activities is earned through good attitudes to learning and good behaviour.

Swimming—Year 3,4 5 and 6

Wednesday mornings starting 12th Sept. Year 2 will be registered as usual and will be doing PE with Bowfell during this time.

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 not long shorts. 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 Wadey or available as a download from our class page on our website. 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. We will continue to request everyone wears 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 us.

Swimming Kit checklist

- ✓ named towel
- ✓ named swimming costume/trunks
- ✓ named swimming hat
- ✓ named goggles
- ✓ possibly hair bobbles/small pot for earrings
- ✓ possibly extra clothes