

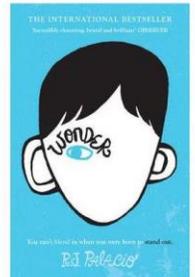
Dear All,

Well back everyone! It is lovely to have everyone back in school looking so smart and ready to learn.

Autumn Term Curriculum 2018:

Maths: In maths we will be focusing on number this term. We will begin by consolidating our knowledge and understanding of place value and the number system exploring very large whole numbers, decimals and negative numbers. We will be working hard to ensure we know our multiplication tables up to 12x12 and be able to apply our knowledge. We will be developing our skills to add, subtract, multiply and divide; and solve problems using these operations in different contexts, including money. We will also be exploring coordinates, symmetry and translations later in the term.

English: A large amount of our writing this term will be linked to our topics. We will be writing a range of genres including recounts, information texts and explanations; as well as poetry and narratives. We have two guided reading sessions every week where the children will study a novel in detail and we will work on improving spelling, handwriting, punctuation and grammar during morning tasks and English lessons. This term we will be focusing on spelling rules and patterns e.g, ie before e, plurals and verbs. We will be learning about word classes; nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs etc and developing our understanding of more sophisticated punctuation e.g semi-colons, apostrophes, colons so that we are able to use them in our own writing. Our class novel this term is: *Wonder* by RJ Pacacio.



Science: Earth and Space. This topic involves finding out about the movement of the earth and other planets in relation to the sun; as well as understanding how the relationship between the earth, moon and sun determines day and night, months and years.

Topic: Geography: Volcanoes and Earthquakes

PE: Swimming + Netball/Basketball. Gymnastics.

Computing: This term we will be developing our skills to search safely and effectively on-line and present information for our topics in different ways.

RE: Exploring our Christian Values 'Peace' and asking 'What does it mean to be a Christian?'; as well as work linked to Harvest and Christmas.

DT: Making Chinese Fans for our Westmorland County Show Display.

Designing and making an orrery-a mechanic model of the solar system.

ART: Self-portraits. Julien Opie. Willow Pattern.

French: School Days

We will also be visiting our woodland area to enjoy some Forest Schools activities during this term. These will take place on Tuesday afternoons. If you are free to help walk the children to and from our outdoor woodland area any Tuesday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm please talk to Mrs Farraday. This term's theme is 'Nature Explorers'.

Teaching in Scaffell

Mrs Duckworth and Mrs Farraday share responsibility for teaching and learning in Scaffell Class this year; with Mrs Farraday teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays; and Mrs Duckworth will teach the class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. This arrangement is flexible according to possible commitments out of the classroom linked to school leadership or staff training.

Edinburgh Trip: NOW on Wednesday 12th February - Friday 14th February.

Following on from our text this week, please note the change of date due to a clash with KeySteps Gymnastics competition recently identified.



Thank you to everyone for your deposits and commitment to this trip.

Please can we request that a further £50 (£70 in total with £20 deposit) is paid towards the trip by October Halfterm. Further information about payment will follow once all bookings for our activities have been made but we still expect the trip to cost in the region of £150. A meeting will take place at the very start of the spring term to share arrangements with parents.

PE and Swimming

We start swimming next week on Wednesday morning. The children will need to bring in to school their kit which should include a swim hat to keep their hair dry so that they are comfortable for the rest of the day. Please try to ensure your child is punctual and prepared on Wednesdays to be on the bus promptly. If you are able to be a volunteer to support swimming each week please let us know.

Outdoor PE takes place with Mrs Craggs on Monday afternoons up to half term. Please can the children have long tracksuit bottoms and warm fleeces or jumpers as the days become cooler.

Arriving and Leaving School

As soon as the children enter the classroom there is a morning task for the children to begin independently. We aim to have everyone organised, working and ready for registration by 8.45am each day. If you need to pass on a quick message in the morning, staff are always happy to listen; however if you require a longer conversation please could we ask you to make an appointment to see either of us via the school office.

At 3pm, the children will leave through our fire exit and this can often be another good opportunity to catch up with Scaffell class teachers. We expect that your child is being collected, unless we have been informed that they are attending YoYo Club or are walking home alone. If you are happy for your child to walk home on a regular basis please let us know your intentions in writing.

Equipment

Although we do have supplies in school, we try to encourage all children to have their own pencil case in class containing essential items like pencils, writing pens, pencil crayons, rubbers and a sharpener. Please can you also encourage your child to have a named water bottle in school to use during lesson time as well as at break.

Homework

This year the children will have a homework diary, a spelling book and a homework folder. As in previous years, homework will be set every week and it is each child's responsibility to record their homework task in this book and be organised with their homework.

Please can you check your child's homework tasks and sign the homework diary regularly.

Mymaths tasks will be set regularly and children will be given the opportunity to complete these tasks in school if internet access at home is problematic.

Spelling lessons are on Mondays where the children are taught strategies to support spelling and are given a list to learn. These will be tested the following Monday.

Tasks: As well as a maths activity each week, the class will be set a task that may be English, topic or art. Homework will be set on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Friday.

Reading is also part of Scaffell's weekly homework and everyone should read at least five times a week; keeping a note of all reading in reading records. This helps us to monitor reading and talk to the children about their reading routines and interests. Some children may prefer to read independently, although times to share a book and read with an adult are still really valuable to develop fluency and comprehension skills. Children, as well as parents, can write notes about their reading in reading records.

Uniform

The children are looking particularly smart in Scaffell Class. All uniform, including PE Kit needs to be clearly named please. Jewellery, make-up and nail polish are not permitted on school days. Although stud earrings are allowed to be worn, they must be removed for all physical activities. Long hair should be tied up as much as possible, but always in PE and all children should wear sensible school shoes and have a coat in school every day. Girls can choose to wear tights or long socks to keep their legs warm as the days get cooler please; but not leggings.

We hope many of you will be able to attend our classroom drop-ins on Friday 14th September between 3pm and 3.45pm immediately after our first Celebration Assembly of the year at 2.30pm. However, in the meantime, if you have any questions, concerns or just want to say hello, please do not hesitate to come to see either of us in Scaffell Class; we are always happy to help.

With our best wishes from Mrs Duckworth and Mrs Farraday



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