

Autumn Term 2020

Welcome to Scafell Class



Dear all,

We are both so excited to be welcoming you to Scafell Class and look forward to seeing your smile on Wednesday morning and hearing all your news. In this newsletter, we aim to let you know some important information about returning to school and answer any questions you may have.

We would like to extend a very special and warm welcome to our two new pupils, Daisy and Ben, who are joining Scafell Class next week. We are sure we will all do our best to make them both feel extremely welcome.

Please do not worry about anything! School will feel a little different than usual but we will be doing our best to make sure you know what to expect and enjoy your first few days back. We have lots of fun things planned for the first week including: baking, rounders, art, weaving and rockets!

What do I need to do before I come to School?

Please make sure you have read the NEW Home-School Agreement located on the homepage of our website and you understand your responsibilities in school. Take a look at the photographs, videos and our classpage before returning to school on Wednesday. Find out which family group you belong to and what time you need to arrive at school.

What should I wear to School?

Please remember to come to school in your uniform and a pair of sensible shoes or ankle boots. On your PE days, you are permitted to come to school in your PE kit. Please remember to bring your coat to school.

What can I bring to School?

Please remember to bring essential items only in a small rucksack or bookbag. These may include: a named water bottle, your reading book and reading diary, a snack, your homework diary (you will receive this very soon), your packed lunch if required. Please do not bring your homelearning tasks and books completed in lockdown: you will be asked for these at a later date. In Years 5 and 6, you are permitted to bring one pencil case into school that must be small enough to be stored in your tray. Sometimes you may need to bring letters or payments into school too. Water bottles will be stored in school during the week but will be returned home every Friday to be washed.

What do I do when I get to School?

Please remember to arrive at school in your allocated time and enter the building via Scafell's fire door. You should then take your belongings to our cloakroom and find your peg. It is important that you then wash your hands thoroughly and for 20 seconds at the sinks in our classroom. If you use the toilet facilities, please ensure there are no more than two people in this area at any time.

As soon as you enter the classroom there will be a morning task for you to begin independently. You will be able to find your place as your area will be labelled with your name. With everyone arriving at different times, our morning task sessions will last a little longer than usual and include more than one task.

Who will be teaching me?

During the week, you will be taught by Mr Dean and Mrs Farraday. Usually, Mrs Farraday teaches the class on Mondays and Tuesdays; and Mr Dean takes charge for the rest of the week, but this can change if Mr Dean or Mrs Farraday have commitments on other days. Mrs Mason will also be in our classroom to support your learning too. On the first day back, you will be taught by Mr Dean!

When is PE?

Unfortunately, plans to begin swimming lessons during the autumn term have been put on hold for the time being, but we do hope to enjoy swimming later in the year. Outdoor PE takes place with Mrs Craggs on Mondays and Thursdays. On these days, you should come to school in your PE kit and your trainers. Earrings should be removed for all physical activity. You may like to wear tracksuit bottoms and warm fleeces or jumpers on cooler days as we will do PE outside if we can.

How can my parents get a message to my teachers?

Unfortunately, your parents can not come into school with you each morning. However, if they need to pass on some important information there are several ways this can be done: a handwritten note brought into school or an email to the school office. If it is not urgent, please email our class email account scafell@levens.cumbria.sch.uk. We will aim to get back to you within 48 hours of your correspondence.

How do I leave School?

All Scafell pupils will leave school via the fire exit in our classroom. The time you leave school will depend on your family group. If you are attending YoYo, your teacher will let you know when you should move into the hall to begin your YoYo session. Your hands should be washed before you leave the classroom to go home or to transfer to YoYo.

What will we be learning in the Autumn Term?



Maths: We will start the year by focussing on number. We will be looking at very large whole numbers and using place value to read, represent, order, compare and round these numbers. We will also be looking in more detail at Roman Numerals and negative numbers.

Once we are comfortable with this, we will be moving on to using numbers in the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will include lots of work on: factors and multiples; tips and tricks for quicker calculations; prime, square & cube numbers and the order of operations. We will then begin work on fractions, finding out how fractions of different types are related and how equivalent fractions can be calculated. We will also explore the relationship between improper fractions and mixed numbers. This will underpin our work on comparing and ordering fractions and using the four operations on fractions. Lastly, we will explore finding fractions of amounts.

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, instructions and explanations; as well as poetry and narratives. We have two guided reading sessions every week where the children will study a range of texts 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 using examples of words from the NC statutory spelling list. We will be learning about word classes; nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs etc and be revisiting our knowledge of the use of basic punctuation including capital letters, exclamation marks, commas and apostrophes to ensure we use these accurately in all our writing. Our class novel this term is: *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King .

Science: Materials: NCY5 making and recovering solutions. Separating mixtures. Reversible and irreversible changes.

Geography: A locational place study of Greece and comparison of its physical and human features with the UK (autumn 1)

History: Ancient Greece - a study of Ancient Greek life and achievements including their influence on the western world (autumn 2)

PE: striking and fielding - rounders and cricket. Netball.

Computing: This term we will be exploring online safety; learning about

data gathering & consent; and creating digital media with vector drawings

RE: Exploring our Christian Values 'Thankfulness' and understanding Incarnation: Was Jesus the Messiah? Work linked to Harvest and Christmas also.

DT: Baking Bread, designing and making scaled models of Greek temples, a Greek banquet.

ART: Portraits - Julien Opie and art inspired by Ancient Greece.

French: Greetings, numbers to 100 and All about School (autumn 2).

Music: Exploring influential musicians from past and present.

We will also be visiting our woodland area to enjoy some Forest Schools activities during the first part of this term. This term's theme is outdoor challenges and problem solving.

Homework in Year 5 and 6

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 support your child with their homework by looking at their homework diaries and checking our classpage in the pupils' section of our website.

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.

IDL and TTRockstars can be accessed at home at any time to support your child's learning and progress. We strongly recommend that Scafell pupils make the most of these brilliant resources at home.

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.

Weekly Tasks: The pupils in Scafell will receive at least two tasks each week to complete at home that will be related to our learning in school. Homework will be set on Fridays and should be handed in by the following Friday. Please refer to our homework policy published on our website for further information on homework.

Reading is also part of Scafell'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, are asked to keep notes about their reading in reading records regularly.

Uniform

All uniform, including PE Kit needs to be clearly named please. Jewelry, make-up and nail polish are not permitted on school days. Although stud earrings are allowed to be worn, they should not be worn on PE days or be removed by the wearer prior to the lesson starting. Long hair should always be tied up and all children should wear sensible school shoes or ankle boots and have a coat in school every day. Trainers, pumps and knee high boots are not appropriate footwear at school, although until further notice, trainers can be worn on PE days. Pupils can choose to wear trousers or tights/long socks with skirts but not leggings.

Unfortunately, we are not able to hold our class drop-ins this year, however, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via our class email account at scafell@levens.cumbria.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We will be making telephone calls to the parents of all pupils in the second and third week of term to let you know how the term has started, so we look forward to talking to you then.

On Wednesday morning, Mr Dean will be eagerly waiting for you in the classroom; and Mrs Farraday will be at the school main entrance. See you then!

With our very best wishes
Mr Dean and Mrs Farraday