

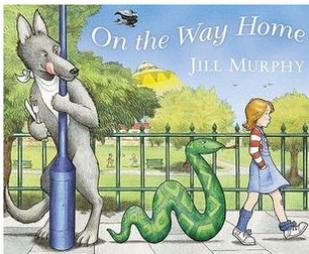
## Autumn Term Curriculum 2021:

**RSHE:** There will be a huge emphasis on this area of learning, particularly as we settle into the new school year and establish ourselves as Class 2. There will be a lots of work on playing and working co-operatively and improving independence. Themes this term will include families and friends including making friends and feeling lonely as well as respecting ourselves and others where we will recognise things we have in common as well as differences.



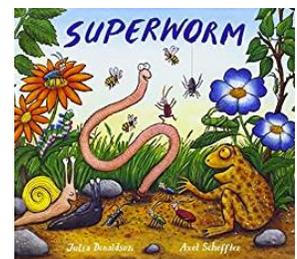
**Maths:** Year 1 and Year 2 will be taught Maths separately so that time can be spent deepening the children's understanding of early number and not rushing towards larger numbers. This also allows for essential key skills and concepts to be properly embedded and it is these key skills and concepts that will prove essential as the children continue with their Maths learning throughout school. This term we will be focusing on number work, learning about our number system and place value. We will also be looking at addition and subtraction strategies and within these the use of money. Later in the term we will begin to learn about multiplication.

**English:** All year we will be practising reading and spelling the Common Exception words. Each year group has a specific set of words, many of which do not follow the usual spelling rules or contain a 'tricky' part. In provision there will be a strong emphasis on story telling including retelling familiar stories as well as creating our own and throughout the term we will be working hard on using our phonic knowledge to spell words and learning about the key components of a sentence including punctuation. In order for children's work to be plausible, handwriting is key and we will have daily handwriting practice this term.



We will begin the term by looking at the text 'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy. This is a story that contains a familiar setting and scenario but encourages the children to use their imagination about what could happen and also introduces them to lots of interesting vocabulary. Year 1 will be writing labels, lists, captions and simple sentences and Year 2 will be writing their own piece of narrative based on the story.

During the second half of the term we will return to an author the children are familiar with from last year; Julia Donaldson. We will be learning about worms linked to the fiction text 'Superworm' and performing parts of the story, as well as using the non-fiction text 'Yucky Worms' by Vivian French to help us to write instructions, questions and facts about these wriggly creatures.



Reading will play a big part in getting to know and understand our whole class texts and we will also read independently as well as during Guided Reading sessions (group reading) during which children will be able to apply their learning from their daily Phonics lessons.

**Science:** Our Science topic this term is animals including humans. We will be looking at the human body and senses, stages of life and our basic needs. We will even compare ourselves to worms!

**Topic:** (History and Geography) Our topics in these subjects link together brilliantly this term as we will be looking at human and physical features particularly these in our local environment. Our local environment includes Levens Hall and our History topic is the History of Levens Hall. We are in the process of organising an educational visit to support our learning.



**PE:** In Autumn 1 Mrs Craggs will teach Gymnastics, followed by Tag Rugby for multi skills in Autumn 2. Miss Robinson will teach ball control for multi skills in Autumn 1, followed by Dance linked to our topic in Autumn 2.

**Computing:** This term we will be learning about what a computer program is and creating and debugging simple programs.

**RE:** Our whole school Christian Value is 'Respect' this term. We will be exploring the question 'What do Christians believe God is like?' There will also be work linked to Harvest and Christmas.

**DT:** We will be using our Science learning about human needs and nutrition to plan and prepare a healthy meal (with the help of Mrs Mason's culinary skills!)

**Art:** As well as expressing ourselves and exploring different media in our creative area, we will also be using drawing and painting to develop and share our ideas and experiences including producing self-portraits and observational drawings linked to our History topic of Levens Hall.



Arts week is WB: 13<sup>th</sup> September. We will be drawing and sketching in our local environment with artist Sophie Martin to create a whole-school collaborative piece based on theme of 'community'.

**Music:** This term there will be lots of singing and listening and we will be learning how to use our voices expressively and creatively.



Hi Class 2,

I am Miss Robinson and it was lovely to have the opportunity to meet lots of you (parents and children) last term. The summer holidays have flown by and it is almost the start of a new term! Starting a new class and returning to school after the summer holidays can bring about a range of feelings and emotions for us all as well as questions. Hopefully below I will have identified some of the things that you may want to know.

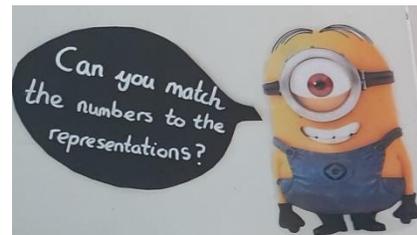
**Who will help us learn ?**

Everyday Class 2 will be taught by me (Miss Robinson) and each morning Mrs Mason will be in class supporting the learning. During the afternoons, Mrs Court or Mrs Harwood will be supporting the learning and Mrs Craggs will teach PE once a week. Together these wonderful adults, 13 Year 1 and 15 Year 2 children, make up Class 2. Oh and Mildrid the cow of course (the children may remember Mildrid from our transtiton time together.)



**How will we learn?**

In Class 2 learning takes place in different ways. Sometimes we will all sit on the carpet together to learn, sometimes we will sit at the tables to learn and sometimes we will learn independently by completing activities in provision. Look out for the Minions who will set you special challenges!



Sometimes we will take our learning outside of the classroom and I am excited about learning in and around the school grounds and beyond in the local environment too.

**When and where should I arrive at school?**



Children will be greeted by school staff on the playground from 8:35am and will walk round to their classroom via Bowfell's sidegate. They will enter school into our cloakroom area where each child will have their own peg for their coat and PE kit. All other belongings e.g. book bags, reading books, water bottles, letters for the office etc should be brought into the classroom and we will show the children where to put these.

**What do I do next?**

Each day there will be a morning task for the children to complete. Each child has there own tray in the classroom which includes their own whiteboard and pen that we will often use for our morning activities so grab these from your tray and take a seat on the carpet. Sometimes the morning activity might be to read your reading book so make sure this is in school every day! We will complete our morning tasks between 8:35 and 8:50 we will do the register at 8:45.





## What happens at the end of the day?

As we get towards the end of the day we will work together to tidy our classroom, reflect on the day and then finish with a story or some class discussion. At 3pm the children and myself will come onto the playground so that the children can be collected. This is often a good opportunity for parents to chat to myself or one of the teaching assistants or equally if we have any messages to pass on to you. Initially I may just need a little longer than the other teachers to match children to parents so thank you in advance for your patience. Please let us know in advance if any alternative arrangements have been made for children to be collected.

## What do I need to bring to school?



In Key Stage 1 we provide the children with the supplies they need in class so pencil cases and own equipment are not required. Your child should have a named water bottle in school to use during lesson time as well as at break and these are to be placed by the sink on the classroom by the children when they arrive. Oh and don't forget your PE kit (more about this later)!

## Do we get a snack?

This is a very important question as I too do get a little peckish when I'm working hard! In KS1 we receive a healthy snack, usually a piece of fruit or vegetable. This is free and available everyday so please don't bring your own snacks.



## Will we get homework in Class 2?

Yes! When I visited in the Summer Term I was really impressed with the children's love and enthusiasm for learning, particularly reading. Reading is a big part of our weekly homework and everyone should read as often as possible. Parents please keep a note of all reading in reading records. We will aim to change reading books three times a week (Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.) Reading a book more than once helps to improve fluency. Why not try reading with expression and adding funny voices when a character is talking? Also do you understand all of the words in your book? Can you retell the story? I look forward to hearing all the children read 1:1 during the first few days and all children will bring home their first reading book on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

As well as reading children will be given a small list of words (5 per week) that they need to learn to read and spell. These will be sent home on a Monday and we will check how the children are getting on with these on a Friday. The Year 2 children will also receive an additional piece of homework each Monday linked to either English, Maths or Topic.



Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words					
Year 1			Year 2		
the	they	one	door	gold	plant
a	be	once	floor	hold	path
do	he	ask	poor	told	both
to	me	friend	because	every	hour
today	she	school	find	great	move
of	we	just	kind	break	prove
said	no	push	mind	steak	improve
says	go	pull	behind	pretty	sure
are	so	full	child	beautiful	sugar
were	by	house	children	other	eyes
was	my	our	wild	fast	could
is	here		climb	last	should
his	there		most	past	would
has	where		only	father	who
I	love		both	class	whole
you	you		old	grass	any
your	some		cold	pass	many



## When do we do PE and what do I need?

PE is one of my favourite subjects and I am looking forward to Tuesday afternoon when I get to teach one of the Class's two PE lessons. The other will be taught by Mrs Craggs on a Thursday afternoon. Please make sure your PE kits are in school on these days. The correct PE kit is a pale blue Levens PE t-shirt and hoodie with plain black shorts, plain joggers or leggings. (I must ask Mrs Coker if I can get one of these hoodies too for when it starts to get a little cooler!) Don't forget training shoes as PE can not be done in school shoes.

## What do I wear for school?



Another thing that impressed me, was how smart all the children look at Levens School. Uniform remains the same but please make sure it is clearly named, including your PE kits. The rules also remain for jewelry, make-up and nail polish. These are not allowed on school days. Stud earrings are allowed to be worn, but they must be removed for all physical activities. Long hair should be tied up and all children should wear sensible school shoes and have a coat in school every day. Pupils can choose to wear school trousers OR tights/long socks with skirts to keep legs warm as the days get cooler please; but leggings and joggers are not permitted.

Wow! That feels like a lot of information but if there is anything I have missed then please don't hesitate to contact me by emailing our class account at [class2@levens.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:class2@levens.cumbria.sch.uk) or catching me or another member of the Class 2 team at the end of the day. Appointments for a meeting can also be made via the office or directly through myself if you feel something requires a little more time to talk about or is confidential.

Finally a reminder that weekly classroom drop-ins will be starting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, immediately after school so I hope lots of parents are able to attend these as I'm sure the children will want to share their classroom and learning with you.

I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you all better.

Let's make this a fantastic first term together Class 2!

Best wishes

Miss Robinson





Our classroom is named after this famous mountain. You will find us in Skiddaw.



# **Class 2**

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