

YEAR TWO

Welcome back Year 2

Tudhoe Colliery Primary School

Miss Allan

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A big welcome back from the Christmas holidays from myself Miss Allan. I hope everyone has had a fantastic break and all Year 2 children (and parents) were ready for school returning! The children in Year 2 had a fantastic last term and I was blown away by the work and effort that they produced! I am sure that we are going to have another brilliant term and lots of fun and hard work ahead of us!

This term we will still have Mrs Sheldon and Miss Varley in our Year 2 team, with the addition of Miss McLaren and Mr Atkinson, our Durham University students, who I know are excited to meet and work with all of your children in class. As always I am always just an email or a phone call away if you have any questions or queries regarding your child in school.

GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY THIS TERM!

In Geography, we will be finding out about India! We will be exploring India's amazing landscapes, finding out how far India is from the UK, learning about the culture and people in India and many more exciting things! Any home photographs, video clips or experiences for the children to tell during this half term are welcomed in class!

This term in History, we will be learning all about our local heroine Grace Darling. We will be finding out about her life and how she was an inspiration to many. If you have any artefacts, books or information on her please feel free to send them in with your child or send photos to our class email!

Book reminders

As a reminder, on a Friday your child will receive their new phonics/reading books and a new dream read book. The dream reads should be returned to school the following Friday. Phonics and reading books should be kept at home and read for the full week, returning to school every Friday. Spelling books will be given out on Mondays with new spelling tricky word stickers in and should be returned to school each week on a Monday.

Please can you return any dream reads that you have at home ASAP.



OUR CLASS NOVEL

We have chosen a fabulous novel for this term. In writing and reading our lessons will be focused around *The Witches* by Roald Dahl.

The Witches is a children's dark fantasy novel by the British writer Roald Dahl. The story is set partly in Norway and partly in the United Kingdom, and features the experiences of a young British boy and his Norwegian grandmother in a world where child-hating societies of witches secretly exist in every country.

All our writing will be centred around this novel and all children will get the chance to **SHOWCASE** their work during their amazing Gold Writes in Year 2!

For obvious reasons, please could you refrain from showing your child the film version of *The Witches* as it is very similar to the book and we would like to keep it a surprise for the children!



What can you do to help your child at home?

During parents evening a lot of you asked, what can we be doing at home to help our child? At the moment our two most important targets in year 2 are, speedy reading and mental maths. When reading with your child please be encouraging them to read at speed by modelling a normal pace of reading and encouraging them to copy how you read.

Furthermore we are working a lot with the children at the moment on the 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s time tables. Your child needs to know time table questions out of sequence for these times tables so please fire random times table questions at them when you are practising your tables rather than just chanting the rhyme. Furthermore when your child is writing out their times tables always encourage them to write the full multiplication calculation, not just their answer.

Writing with pen

In year 2, the children are able to earn a Pen License when we feel that their handwriting is ready for one. This will also be provided in school. Please could you encourage your child to practise their cursive handwriting at home.

Toileting and Hand washing

Hand washing and general hygiene is still so important to ensure the safety of our class and our staff. Please ensure that your child comes into school with clean hands so we can maintain this throughout the day. With our own class toilet your child is free to go to the toilet whenever they need it outside of teaching time. Hand washing is strongly encouraged in class and hand sanitising is still performed at different intervals throughout the day.

NEW!! Whole class reading reward!

As we are having a big push on our love for reading, we are encouraging the children to read 4x a week at home of their own choice. Each child who has their yellow book signed from reading four times in a week will be able to add one token to our reading jar! Once the jar is full we can buy some new books for our amazing year 2 reading corner. Please note, this is an incentive for the children to read at home and not something to be forced. Children are allowed to read anything at home as well as their school phonics/reading book. This new reading reward will go alongside Doc our reading dwarf who will still go home with our reader of the week on Fridays.

2x table

$1 \times 2 = 2$
$2 \times 2 = 4$
$3 \times 2 = 6$
$4 \times 2 = 8$
$5 \times 2 = 10$
$6 \times 2 = 12$
$7 \times 2 = 14$
$8 \times 2 = 16$
$9 \times 2 = 18$
$10 \times 2 = 20$
$11 \times 2 = 22$
$12 \times 2 = 24$

5x table

$1 \times 5 = 5$
$2 \times 5 = 10$
$3 \times 5 = 15$
$4 \times 5 = 20$
$5 \times 5 = 25$
$6 \times 5 = 30$
$7 \times 5 = 35$
$8 \times 5 = 40$
$9 \times 5 = 45$
$10 \times 5 = 50$
$11 \times 5 = 55$
$12 \times 5 = 60$

10x table

$1 \times 10 = 10$
$2 \times 10 = 20$
$3 \times 10 = 30$
$4 \times 10 = 40$
$5 \times 10 = 50$
$6 \times 10 = 60$
$7 \times 10 = 70$
$8 \times 10 = 80$
$9 \times 10 = 90$
$10 \times 10 = 100$
$11 \times 10 = 110$
$12 \times 10 = 120$

3x table

$1 \times 3 = 3$
$2 \times 3 = 6$
$3 \times 3 = 9$
$4 \times 3 = 12$
$5 \times 3 = 15$
$6 \times 3 = 18$
$7 \times 3 = 21$
$8 \times 3 = 24$
$9 \times 3 = 27$
$10 \times 3 = 30$
$11 \times 3 = 33$
$12 \times 3 = 36$

Out of order too

For example,

$$5 \times 2 =$$

$$10 \times 4 =$$

$$12 \times 5 =$$

$$1 \times 3 =$$

School Uniform and PE

Our new day for PE is now Tuesday, we ask that you continue to send your child into school dressed in their PE kit on that day. PE kit is a warm hoodie/jumper and jogging bottoms or leggings so that your child can move actively during PE. As we are encouraging your child to have active playtimes outdoors we ask that sensible footwear is worn daily in school. As always, can you please ensure that all of your child's clothing and equipment (bags and water bottles) have their names on.



THANK YOU FOR ALL
YOUR CONTINUED
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