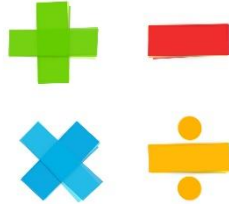


# Autumn 1 – Year 2

Hello to you all and welcome to year 2. Miss Graham and I are so happy to be working with you all. Your children have settled in wonderfully and are such a lovely group. I am excited for the year ahead as we have a lot of fun things planned. As always, we have an open-door policy! If you have any questions, concerns or anything positive you would like to share then please speak to us on the door, call the office or send us a message on Seesaw.

## Maths

In Maths we will be counting! Counting in 10's, 2's and 5's. We will also be counting all the way to 100 and practise writing 2-digit numbers the right way. We will be exploring multiples of 10 and beginning to play around with the 10 times tables.



### Problem solving:

We are also beginning to develop our problem-solving skills and learning how to work systematically. We are developing our resilience and are not afraid to get things wrong – we know this help our brain to grow!

## English – Writing

This half term we will first explore the tale of 'The Lion Inside' which is a lovely tale about building confidence and self-esteem. We will look at develop our sentences focusing purely on their formation, presentation and punctuation.

We will then look at writing a recount of one of our trips using the past tense. Finally, we will be looking at the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' where we will be looking to start extending our writing.

## English – Reading

We will continue to have daily phonics lessons consolidating our decoding skills. We also have 5 reading sessions per week where we practice our fluency and prosody (the rhythm of our voice when reading). We will also be developing our comprehension – understanding what we have read.

### How can I help?

Please, read with your children as much as you can. Research shows that children who read at home are more successful in their education.

## Curriculum

In Geography, we are learning all about our local area; Newcastle. We will visit key landmarks in Newcastle including the Angel of the North, the Tyne Bridge and the Millennium Bridge.

In Science we are learning about local habitats and will visit our forest area to explore what creatures are living around us. We will also visit Scotswood Garden to find out what creatures live in a pond.

In Art, children will develop their drawing skills, experimenting with texture and charcoals.

## Useful Information

**PE DAY – Tuesday and Wednesday** - Children **MUST** bring their PE kits into school on these days. I am happy for children to keep PE kits in school for both days and I will send it home on a Wednesday. If you are struggling to provide a PE kit please let me know or mention it to Mrs Stewart and we will see if we can support you with this.



**Phonics Reading Book** - Books will be collected in on a Tuesday and new books will be sent home on a Thursday. Books will only be changed if we receive their last book back.



**Clubs Friday – 2:30 pick up or after school club (3:10 pick up)**

Please remember to ring the office if your child is not attending Friday club -They will be sent to club if they are down for it.



### Dates for your diary:

Angel of the North – **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
Newcastle Quayside – **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
Snow White Show – **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September**  
Scotswood Garden – **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
Break up – **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**  
Teacher training day – **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**



WOW! It is great to see so many of you on Seesaw. Feel free to like and comment on the lovely things your children are doing at school. If you are having any problems accessing Seesaw please see me and I will try my best to get you on.