

# Class TY Newsletter

## 2024-25 Autumn 2



Well, that's one half-term under our belts and what a half-term it was! We have so much to celebrate. Children are cracking on well with the maths curriculum and we are extremely proud of our first piece of writing – a short narrative set in WW2 which is aimed at showing the character of a nice/nasty class teacher. They are available on Google Classroom to read if you would like a peek. Children also ended the half-term successfully completing the Robinwood residential or their own challenges back in school. We hope that some lifelong memories were made and look forward to seeing some of their improved personal skills developing even more.

As in Autumn 1, Mrs Heron will teach Monday to Wednesday with Mrs Lawson taking over the reins on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday afternoons, children will enjoy a RE lesson with Mrs Scott and a music lesson from Gateshead LA.

### **What will we be learning?**

Please see the attached overview which outlines what we will be covering in each subject from week to week. Please note that this is a plan to show the sequence of learning but that things may alter week to week depending on what happens in school.

### **Key information:**

- ❖ **P.E. kits:** A friendly reminder that our school PE kit is a red t-shirt and black shorts/joggers. We will be outdoors as much as possible so appropriate coats/hoodies are always a good idea. We are asking children to come to school wearing their PE kit for lessons on TUESDAYS (rounders) and FRIDAYS (basketball).
- ❖ **Reading** fluently is the single most important skill children should leave primary school with. We dedicate a fair part of our week to reading related activities including reading with an adult, independent reading, exploring reading comprehension and discussing famous authors/books. Your part at home is to ensure your child reads regularly ***(at least two times a week)***. This will form part of their weekly homework and will be monitored.
- ❖ **Spellings** – we will have regular sessions in school where we explore how to spell words linked to a particular spelling rule. As part of these sessions, we will practice using these words in sentences. At the end of each half-term, we will have a spellathon where we can see how well children have managed to learn spellings.

- ❖ **Memory maths** will be taught regularly and involves revisiting areas of maths that were taught previously. It is designed to help transfer learning into the long-term memory. Homework tasks will also be linked to memory maths sessions.
- ❖ **Multiplication & division facts** – Most children are fairly secure with these but where there are gaps we will be using [timestables.co.uk](http://timestables.co.uk) and paper-based activities to improve fluency and confidence. Research shows that being secure with these key facts supports being a successful mathematician. Any help you can offer with this would be fantastic!
- ❖ **Homework** will be given out on a **Wednesday** and expected to be completed by **Monday**. This half-term, homework will be linked to our Memory Maths for the week and a SPAG question, a reading comprehension activity and reading at least twice a week. Children can ask for help in school before the Monday deadline. Any homework not completed will be done during Monday morning break as we mark it together in the session after break. During Autumn 1, most children were successful in handing homework in on time. Children earn effort points for completing homework and handing it in on time so please can we ask that you offer support with this.
- ❖ **Class points:** In Autumn 1, children scored a massive 6000 effort points as a class which was converted into 3 hours of reward time. Children enjoyed some of this as free time and also opted for a movie morning including hot chocolate and treats.

#### **A final word ...**

As always, if you've got any questions or concerns catch us at the end of the day or contact the school office to arrange to chat with us.

Mrs Heron, Mrs Lawson, Mrs Scott, Miss Bowmer and Mrs Newbegin