

As your child enters a new school year, we hope that the following information will be useful to you.

The areas of study in Literacy and Maths will include the following:

- We will continue to develop the children's reading comprehension skills through studying a wide variety of texts through both fiction and non-fiction.
- The children will continue to develop their writing skills by focusing on the structure of their work and increasing their use of punctuation.
- The children will follow a broad and varied mathematics curriculum in line with the National Curriculum.
- The children will learn through a topic-based approach to teaching and learning and will cover a new topic each half term.

- Autumn A - All About Me and My Local Area:
As part of this topic, the children will be learning about Bedlington's mining past. This will include a theme day and the children are invited to come to school in traditional Northumbrian colours (red, yellow, black or white or a combination of these colours) from the Northumbrian flag and the Northumbrian tartan!
- Autumn B - North East England
We will compare different locations in the North-East including cities, seaside towns and rural areas.
- Spring A - Let's Rock - The Stone Age to the Bronze Age
- Spring B - Stories by Roald Dahl
- Summer A - The Ancient Greeks - This will include a theme day and the children are invited to wear an Ancient Greek Costume.
- Summer B - South America: The Rainforest
In this topic, we usually have a visit from Zoolabs who bring into school some of the animals that can be found in the Rainforest.

Homework

we are following national guidance from Public Health England and the DFE to reduce the risk of the transmission of Covid -19 and as a result, we are limiting the amount of items being sent between home and school. This means for the first half term, the children will not bring home their reading book. However, the children will be reading regularly in school. They will also not bring home any homework. If you would like to support your child's learning at home, you could read a book together, work on their spelling patterns with them or access online activities through Mathletics or Readwriter. (More information to follow)

Reading

The children will read regularly in school. Some children may be in a reading intervention group and may read more often. When your child reads in school the focus will be on reading in depth, discussing the events in the story and making predictions.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. Your child should have a full P.E. kit in school including a change of t-shirt, shorts and sandshoes. Please do not send football strips for P.E in case they get lost. For outdoor PE your child may wish to have warmer clothes such as a pair of tracksuit bottoms or leggings and warm top. **We will be doing outdoor P.E for the first half term** and we will also be using St Bede's field for some of our lessons. For health and safety reasons please remove any jewellery your child may wear. The children will also start swimming lessons in Year 3 although due to the current climate, we are awaiting confirmation from Ashington Leisure Centre about when lessons will start.

Spelling

Your child will be given a list of the spelling examples and sound patterns we are covering in school. These will not be assessed through weekly spelling tests but we will assess the children's spelling ability at regular intervals throughout the year.

Water Bottles

The children often want drinks of water throughout the day. It saves time if the children have their own water bottle in school. Please provide **water only**.

Fruit

Children in Key Stage Two are not entitled to free fruit. If your child would like fruit he/she may bring his/her own **fresh fruit** to school to eat in the classroom.

Don't worry!

We know that the children have missed some of their learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic earlier this year and that both you and they may be anxious about a full-time return to school. We will be taking a lot of time and effort to ensure that the children are "eased back" into school life! This will include revisiting key learning from Year 2 that they may have missed and also ensuring that the children get back into their daily routines in school. There will be regular PSHE lessons where the children will have an opportunity to discuss their experiences over the last few months too. Remember that we are here to help and if your child has any concerns or worries, please be reassured that we will do what we can to support them as they re-adjust to school life!