

Urmston Primary School Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

Class 1 Year 2 September 2018



We hope that you enjoyed the Summer break! Above outlines what we will be learning over the next term. Please do not hesitate to come and speak to me if you have any concerns. I look forward to getting to know your children and for the exciting year ahead.

Mrs Byrom

English and Mathematics

Children will have a daily **phonics** session and will be taught and encouraged to use their phonics skills when **reading and writing** captions and sentences. We will be learning new vocabulary linked to our science and geography topics. We will be looking closely at punctuation, spelling and developing our story writing over this term.

In **mathematics** we will build on our confidence with using number through place value and comparison activities. Please continue to practice counting and writing numbers at home, as these are really valuable and make a vast difference to your child's learning.

Reading Books

Children will bring home a reading book to read with you. Reading books are to be kept in book bags ready for extra practice in school and changing. Your comments in the reading record books are much appreciated. Children can choose a shared reading book from our reading area to take home, read and write a review in their yellow book.

Reminders

Please remember to label all your children's clothing including coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, book bags and P.E. kit bags as this makes it so much easier for your children.

P.E. will be on Wednesday morning and on Thursday afternoon too so please ensure that your child has their P.E. kit on both these days. Earrings have to be removed on these days or tape has to be put on at home on the morning of the P.E. day. This is to ensure that the children are safe on the equipment. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Topic Work

Our topics are going to be a little different this year. We are going to immerse the children in each topic making cross curricular links where possible. We have chosen this approach in order to engage and excite the children about their learning. We also want the children to be in charge of their learning and we will be exploring areas that interest them as much as possible.

Our first topic is 'At the Seaside.' We will be looking at how seaside towns compare to Urmston and our local environment. We will be developing the children's awareness and skills of map reading. The children will be asked to think about what interests them about the seaside. This is something we encourage you to discuss at home too!

Class Charity

This year, each class has a class charity that children will learn about. Year 2's National Deaf Children's Society. We have chosen this charity to learn about as we believe it is important to understand the needs of others and look at how we can help them. As well as this the children throughout the infants and beyond have previously loved learning sign language as part of our singing practice. We aim to continue learning different aspects of sign language and use this to support our learning about why this charity is so important. We thank you for your support with this!



Homework

Handwriting homework will be set at the beginning of the week to be returned on Thursday please. There will also be a piece of homework set each Friday co-ordinated with the weeks learning. This is to be returned on the following Monday.

Thank you for your continued support.