Year 2 - Autumn 2

Aspirations – What would you like to achieve when you leave school?



We would like to start by saying a huge well done to all of the children who have settled so well into their brand-new classroom and routines during the first half-term. We look forward to another busy half-term. This newsletter is intended to give you an overview of important dates and key information about the learning opportunities your children will be involved in over the coming weeks. We hope you find it useful.

Dates to remember this half term:

- Children in Need (non-uniform)- Friday 13th November
- Non-uniform day – bottle/chocolate donation for the Winter Fair – Friday 20th November
- Poetry workshops – Wednesday 25th November
- Winter Fair – Wednesday 2nd December
- KS1 Christmas performance (Memorial Hall) – Wednesday 9th December
- Rock Steady performance for parents – Friday 11th December
- KS1 Christmas party – Tuesday 15th December
- Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch – Thursday 17th December
- End of half term – Friday 18th December

Check the calendar on our website for new and updated events as the term progresses.
https://www.newhartley.northumberland.sch.uk/

Notices:

PE Days – **Monday and Wednesday**. Please come to school in PE kit of house coloured t-shirt (no football shirts), plain black or blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.
All jewellery must be removed for PE lessons. Retainers can be worn in place of earrings. No plaster covers.

Reading Books/Book Bags – To be in school every day.

Water Bottles – Water bottles are provided by school. Each child's water bottle has a lid that represents their house colour. Water bottles can be taken home daily to be washed and then returned to school the next day filled with fresh water. We ask that only the water bottles provided by school are brought in.

English: Phonics & Reading

Children are grouped according to their next steps. They will continue to learn new Speed Sounds and how to apply these to reading and spelling. We will begin to build sight vocabulary of tricky 'red' words too. In reading sessions, children will have the

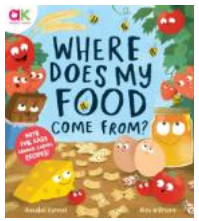
English: Writing

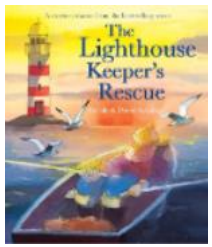
In English, we will continue to place emphasis on the importance of high quality and accurate writing. We will start the half term by writing acrostic poems about Autumn, using our senses and ambitious descriptive vocabulary. Following this, we will make links to our work in DT and PSHE around balanced diets and keeping healthy. We will look at examples of instructional writing and use the key features to write our own set of instructions for how to make a healthy wrap.

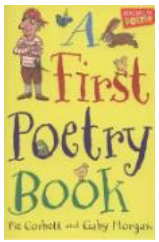
opportunity to read texts at length and show their understanding by taking part in discussion and answering comprehension questions.	We will then read the story, 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Rescue', exploring the characters, setting and events. Making links to our history unit about Grace Darling, we will write letters in role, describe the setting using ambitious vocabulary and learn how to write a fact file.

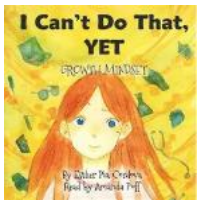
We read stories every day from a range of picture books, often linked to our theme. Some of the stories we will focus on this half term include:













Maths: **Place Value-** In maths this half term, we will continue to develop our place value of 2-digit numbers up to 100. We will be using number lines and practical resources to estimate numbers and to count on and back more confidently in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10. **Addition and subtraction-** We will continue to build on our knowledge of the place value of each digit in a 2-digit number to add and subtract ones and tens. **Multiplication and division-** We continue to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10 and use this knowledge to calculate and write multiplication and division facts from the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. **Length and height-** We will learn how to measure in cm and metres, and compare and order lengths and heights.	**Science: Everyday materials and their uses** We will continue to develop our learning about materials from Autumn 1. We will carry out investigations, exploring why different materials are suitable for particular uses. We will also use our knowledge of materials as we design a sleigh for Santa!	**Computing: Digital Photography** We will consider different features of photos including the subject, the foreground, the background, the quality and the framing of the photo before taking and evaluating our own photographs. 
DT: Balanced diet We will discuss what the term balanced diet actually means and what that looks like. We will look at different food groups and examples of food for each. We will try different foods and prepare food using cutting, snipping and grating equipment and skills.	**Music: Singing** In KS1 this half term, we will be learning songs for our Christmas performance to enable us to tell the Nativity story with a fun and engaging twist! 	**History: Grace Darling** We will look at the life and work of both Grace Darling. We will consider why Grace is an aspirational individual and why we still learn about her today. We will build on our learning in Autumn 1's geography topic of the Northumberland coast as we explore history local to Northumberland. We will also consider the time period in which the two influential figures lived.

PE: Dance On our PE days, we will explore moving in a range of different ways including jumping, skipping, side-stepping and running. We will use this as a platform to explore movement in dance. We will consider how music can make us feel and how this makes us move. We will improvise and compose a simple dance routine with a range of movements.	**PSHCE: Pol-Ed** Relationships – How can I work with different people? Understanding the Law – What is the internet? Keeping safe - What are medicines? What is fire safety? Wellbeing – What does it mean to be healthy?	**RE: What does it mean to belong to a faith community?** In this topic, we will be thinking about what a community is and which communities we belong to. We will explore how some people are part of a faith community and what this means. We will think about how people show they belong in a community and what is good about being in a community.

Our school character virtues

				
Dotty Dragonfly	Eddie Elephant	Hugo Hedgehog	Polly Puffin	Rosie Rabbit
Determination	**Empathy**	**Honesty**	**Positivity**	**Respect**

Daily a child in our class is identified as showing one of the above virtues through their actions and behaviours. That child will bring home a small certificate to share and celebrate with you and their name will be put on a golden ticket. The golden tickets get put on display in the class jar. At the end of the week one of the golden tickets is selected at random and that child has the opportunity to play games and have a chat with Mrs Dowdney, whilst enjoying juice and biscuits!

Communication

I will share information such as specific updates and half termly overviews (like this one) via email. These will also be uploaded to our school website https://www.newhartley.northumberland.sch.uk/. You will find useful links to our class Facebook posts and calendar on the website too. You are able to contact school via telephone on 0191 237 1218 and can report an absence via email hello@nhfs.uk. For all other enquiries, please email admin@nhfs.uk. Please note, all emails, regardless of who they are for, must be sent via the admin email address. They will then be directed accordingly.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Winter

Each week children will learn a new spelling pattern and words that follow that pattern. Below are the patterns and words for this half term.

Week 1 The sound /l/ spelt with '-le' at the end of words	Week 2 The sound /l/ spelt with '-el' at the end of words	Week 3 The sound /l/ spelt with '-il' and '-al' at the end of words	Week 4 The sound /igh/ spelt with '-y' at the end of words	Week 5 Adding –ies to nouns and verbs ending in -y	Week 6 Common Exception Words
table	camel	pencil	cry	flies	find*
apple	tunnel	fossil	fly	tries	mind*
bottle	squirrel	nostril	dry	replies	behind*
little	travel	pupil	try	copies	old*
middle	towel	metal	reply	babies	cold*
able	tinsel	pedal	sly	carries	gold*
wobble	bagel	capital	shy	cries	hold*
multiple	hazel	hospital	terrify	dries	told*
dazzle	vowel	animal	sky	marries	every*
riddle	jewel	oval	multiply	families	everybody*