

### How can you help?

- Find time to talk to your child about what he/she has done at school.
- Share a book together with your child....make it fun!
- Practise his/her spellings and counting with him/her...sing them or chant them...
- Find a quiet corner in the house for him/her to do his/her homework...and then encourage him/her to do it and bring it in on time.
- Visit the library to find interesting books or web sites – we have a list of good websites for children – ask your child's teacher.
- Encourage your child to come to school every day...on time...learning is fun....school is a great place to be!
- Can you tell us anything about our topics or themes. Let your child's teacher know!
- Encourage your child to practise his/her handwriting.

# A Curriculum Newsletter for Our Parents



Do you want to know what your child is learning at school.....and how you can help.....? *read on!*

**Spring 2020**

**Year Two**

### This half term we will be learning about:

In our second term in Year 2, we will be learning all about the Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle. We will be designing and making our own 'Bridges in Art & DT. We will be finding out about Animals and Humans in science focusing on their Growth and Survival and then their Habitats. In our Geography lessons we will be learning about the topic 'Going on Safari' in which we compare and contrast lifestyles between two continents. The children will also look at designs from the Kalahari Desert Tribes and create their own version. We have some fantastic visits planned to Bessie Surtees House and Newcastle & Gateshead Quaysides and Kirkley Hall.

- We will also be continuing to have Phonic, Basic Skills, English and Maths sessions on a daily basis and focussing on Traditional Tales & Key Stories in English. In maths we will focus on Multiplication and Division, Statistics, Geometry, Fraction and Measurement.
- Our PE sessions are on a Tuesday and a Thursday. **PE kits, indoor and outdoor, should be left at school for the week** as these days may be subject to change

· Can reading books and Home Reading Records please be brought to school when they need to be changed and on the specific day your child reads with the teacher.

Purple- Monday  
Green- Tuesday  
Yellow- Wednesday  
Blue- Thursday  
Red- Friday



### Our targets

To achieve success this term the children will aspire to meet the following targets:

#### **In Writing**

- To correctly form our letters
- To write in different ways, e.g. a story, a piece of non-fiction writing, a poem, a letter and other genres of writing
- To use our knowledge of sounds to write difficult words
- To write in sentences, using basic punctuation

#### **In Reading**

- To read sentences on our own
- Retell stories in the correct order, using story language
- Use non-fiction texts to find answers to questions

#### **In Mathematics**

- To use maths ideas to solve problems
- Use vocabulary related to addition and subtraction
- To mentally recall number bonds to 10 and 20
- To recognise, count and order numbers to 100 and beyond
- To use language such as greater, smaller, heavier, lighter, to compare qualities
- To use mathematical language to describe 2D and 3D shapes.