



**HUSTHWAITE and SESSAY CE PRIMARY FEDERATION
and Husthwaite Apple Tree Nursery**

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Autumn 2 Information for Parents of children in Class 2

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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back, I hope you had lovely half term breaks with your families.

Class Routines

Nothing much has changed from before half term as before we will still continue with high expectations for both attitude and learning, but making sure there is plenty of focus on well-being. There will continue to be some consolidation work from the previous year particularly in areas such as maths and phonics. **Tuesdays** will continue to be our Sports Coach day so please **come in PE kit** for the day. Our other PE session will be **Wednesday** afternoons in the form of Forest Schools so children **should come in clothing appropriate for that activity and will wear it for the day** (plenty of layers, as waterproof as possible and gloves etc if it is cold). Miss Wilkie will take the class on Wednesday afternoons with Mr Houghton whilst I undertake leadership duties. She will also take the class Tuesday afternoons for ART/DT and PE with the Sports Coach.

Punctuality the teaching day begins at 8:40 now in Class 2 and there are Early Bird activities each morning as well as all needing to wash our hands. It's also important children are on time due to the staggered entry times.

Reading

Reading takes place daily at school, whether your child is reading his or her reading book to an adult, reading a library book, reading as part of a guided reading session with the teacher or reading as an intrinsic part of daily lessons. However, it is also essential that children read regularly at home as well. Children should be aiming to read about 4 times a week at home; those children who do read at home do make better reading progress. When you hear your child read at home, please note the details in the home school book or Y3/4 could do it themselves for an adult to initial/sign. There is also sections at the front and back for children to record books they are reading at home. I get the book boxes from the library on Mondays and Thursdays for children to change their books.

Library

Currently, each class has a week for the library every 3 weeks to avoid cross-over of bubbles touching surfaces and books. Our next library week will be week commencing 23rd Nov and then w/c 14th Dec.

Home-School Books

Please remember these books should be in school daily, this helps us send messages home and also record reading. As I will not see everyone's book on a daily basis, if there is a note for me then your child must be aware that he/she needs to bring it to my attention or I may miss it. It is important that children have a bag to transport their belongings to and from school, children are now allowed to bring a book bag to transport their things.

Homework

It will remain as Spellings set Mondays and tested Fridays. Times tables set Mondays and tested Thursdays and reading comprehension homework collected in on Mondays and returned Tuesdays. Sometimes between us Miss Wilkie and I can get them marked Mondays but not always.



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WATER BOTTLES

Please can all parents/carers try to remember to provide a water bottle for their child, children get thirsty during the day and can't go all day without a drink. This has meant me having to lend out an increasing number of bottles which then have to be put through the school industrial dishwasher. This is extra work for me and Miss Wilkie please try to help us by sending your child with their own bottle.

Class 2 Curriculum Coverage

Our main topic this half term will continue to be '**Local Study-Yorkshire**'.
Through **History**: children will look at changes in the local area over time.
Through **Geography** we will be comparing areas such as rural and coastal.

Our other subject areas are:

- **Science**- Science lessons have been moved to the mornings so they will be split into Year 2 lessons and Y3/4 lessons, which Miss Wilkie will support with.
Y2 are covering Famous Scientists. Y3/4 will cover Light.
- **RE** – Ch'n will continue looking at 'What does it mean to be a Christian living in Britain today?'
- **PSCHE** - this half term will look at: How can we be a good friend and How can we treat each other with respect.
- **Music** – Children will be given their own recorder to keep in their tray and we will also be using the Charanga unit: Bringing us together.
- **PE** –Tuesday: Quicksticks Hockey training led by our Sports Coach
- Wednesday: Forest Schools led by Mr Haughton.
- **Computing** –this half term our focus will be E-safety and Word skills. We will use Purple Mash and Word.
- **French**– we will continue to progress through aspects of the French language, following the NYCC coverage. Y2 will learn through song. Y3 and 4 will be covering Les Couleurs
- **DT**- Upcycled clothes wreathes

Thank you for your support, it is appreciated.

Miss Goodchild

sowing seeds ~ bearing fruit ~ harvesting potential