



Hunwick Primary School

Class 1 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to the new academic year. We have lots of exciting things planned so keep an eye out for updates and photos on the website!

Miss Ross

Homework: This will be set on a Thursday, to be returned the following Tuesday. A homework pack will be given out with resources to help at home. Spellings will be given weekly and will be tested each Tuesday. Please ensure books are returned to school each week and spellings are practised at home.

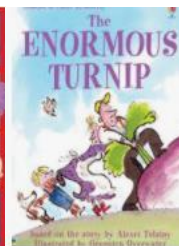
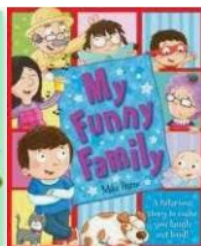
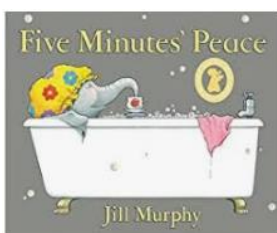
Reading books: Reading books are sent home every night and are to be returned each day as they will be reading with a member of staff at some point throughout the week. Books will be changed as follows:
Bright Sparks – Monday Clever Cookies – Tuesday Master Minds – Wednesday
Smarty Pants – Thursday Whizz Kids - Friday

PE kits: PE is on a Friday afternoon. Children are to wear PE kits to school (jogging bottoms, polo shirt and trainers). Please send a pair of plimsolls in a bag to be kept at school for indoor PE and long hair tied up.

Phonics:

We will start the year by recapping Phase 3 before quickly moving onto Phase 4, where we continue to develop our blending and segmenting skills. In Phase 5 we will learn new sounds, including split digraphs as well as the alternative sounds to those that were taught in Phase 3.

Literacy: The texts we will be using this term are:



We will be using these texts for the following genres: predictions, descriptive writing, rhyming poetry, role play, first person recount and instructions.

Maths: This term we will be covering the following areas:

- Place Value (within 10)
- Addition and Subtraction
- Shape
- Place value (within 20)

Science: Humans Including Animals

We will begin by looking at our senses and parts of the body. We will plan, take part and evaluate an investigation each of our senses. We will then learn how to group animals as well as investigate what they eat. We will compare animals to ourselves, investigating similarities and differences.

**Geography:** Welcome To My Place

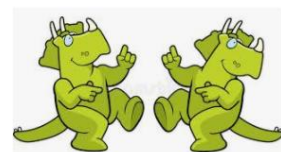
We will focus on where we live, starting with our homes before moving onto features found in Hunwick, nearby towns and famous structures in the North East. We will end the topic by looking at local weather and compare that to elsewhere in the country.

History: How Do I Find Out About Me?

We will begin by making simple timelines and discovering events that happened the year the class was born, interviewing people who were born before us and learning what Christmas was like in the past.

PE: Dance and Games / Gymnastics and Games

We will begin by learning how to play rolla ball and dance like a dinosaur! After half term we will look at movement at different speeds, turns and directions as well as making shapes with our bodies.

**Art:** Drawing and Painting

We will look at the artist Kandinsky to develop our drawing and painting skills. We will also be looking at colour mixing and drawing different types of lines, using a variety of equipment.

Music: Animals and Ourselves

We will begin by looking at pitch and use these skills to create a performance. We will then move on to changing sounds and body percussion sounds. Through the units we will learn new songs

DT: Making a Moving Picture

We will plan, make and evaluate a moving picture. This will be linked to Christmas.

PSHCE: Working Well Together / Other People Are Special Too

In the first half term we will look at what makes a good team member, creating class rules and playing games together. After the half term we will look at what makes someone special and how we celebrate each other's achievements.

Computing: We Are Treasure Hunters / We Are TV Chefs

We will begin by learning basic computer skills including how to login and how to be safe on the computer. We will learn how to give a set of instruction to programmable toys and learn how to debug a program. After half term we will investigate recipes and TV cookery shows so we can create our own.

RE: What Do Christians Believe About God? / Why Are Gifts Given At Christmas?

We will look at the different ways God is represented in the Bible and why He is important to Christians. After half term we will look at why gift giving is important to Christians when celebrating Christmas.

