



Autumn Term 2019

Year 2

Curriculum Newsletter



Topic: My Local Area

There are so many exciting things to discover about our local area. Our aim this term is to find out more about the history and geography of Whalton and the surrounding area, including understanding who was Emily Davison? What are the important changes that have happened in our locality and how do we know about them? Where is the evidence?



PE: In the first half of the term we will be practising our multi-skills – running, jumping, throwing etc. During the second half term, we will be creating and performing dance routines in readiness for our Christmas Play.
PE KIT: As PE may happen on more than one day in the week, we ask that the children bring in their kit, as soon as possible, for storing on their pegs; they will change for PE at school.

Art and Design:

The Pitmen Painters produced artwork based on the everyday lives of the miners. We shall examine their work, saying what we like and dislike about it. After taking photographs of local buildings, we shall reproduce them in different media. In Design Technology, we will look at pulleys and winches.

Weekly Events:

Spellings: Every Thursday there will be a spelling test, beginning Thursday 5th September 2019 .

Reading Challenge: Children are asked to read at home at least 3 times a week to achieve the weekly reading challenge. For us to be sure that they have achieved the challenge, we ask that parents record their child’s reading with any comments in the reading diary. Reading Challenge will be recorded on Fridays.

Times Tables: The children will have ‘1 minute’ speed tests on their times tables on most days but extra practice at home will ensure the facts are embedded. By the end of Year 2, the children need to be able to recall the 2, 5 & 10x tables’ facts, with speed.

Homework: Each Thursday your child will receive a homework task to be completed and handed in by the following Wednesday. If he/she struggles with the work given or finds it not challenging enough, please let me know.

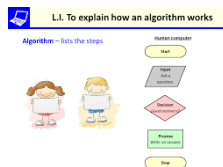
**NB Please be aware that there will be occasions when school events affect this*



PHSE: We will look at how we belong to different communities: our families, our class, our school, our local area etc. and what our responsibilities are to these



History: How did the Border Reivers affect our local area? What can we find out about the important events that have shaped Whalton and beyond? Coal Mining has been a very important industry in the North East – what was it like?



Computing: We will investigate simple algorithms and find out how to correct them when they go wrong.

Science: Animals, including humans, will be the focus this term. We shall look at their basic needs and the importance of eating the right amounts of different types of food, exercising and maintaining hygiene for healthy development.

RE: Creation is the first book in Big Story of the Bible; what does it tell Christians about God and the world? We will also look at the Christian festivals of Harvest, Remembrance and Christmas.

Geography: Can we locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans confidently? How accurate will our maps/plans of Whalton be, when compared to the official ones?

- Class Rules**
- 1. Listen when others are talking.
- 2. Follow directions.
- 3. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.
- 4. Work quietly and do not disturb others.
- 5. Show respect for school and personal property.
- 6. Work and play in a safe manner.

