



Spring 2016



Welcome Back!

**Hovingham
Primary School
Class 2**



Hello and welcome back to all our families. We hope you have had a great Christmas break and are ready for all the exciting learning opportunities we have planned for the children in the spring.

This term we welcome new pupil Hannah and her family to our school.

We look forward to discovering how the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings shaped our wider community with a visit to York. We will discover about the lives of Anglo Saxons and Vikings through the fantastic Beowulf poem and text and plan an invaders and settlers battle on the green!

In maths, the children will be doing much work on developing mental and written methods, using and applying key facts knowledge, problem solving and investigations focusing on time, measure and shape.

Curriculum

As part of our science topic, the children will be following Tim Peake as he lives and works on the International Space Station through a special school project we are involved in. The science work from last term, linked with the forces units we are teaching this term, will allow the children to explore the ISS and its work. Through DT, the children will also make their own rockets. We also have a science teacher from Malton Secondary coming in to do some exciting work with the children. In computing, the children will be learning about programming and art will focus on the arts and crafts of the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. Music and French will continue on a Friday afternoon as part of the Forest Schools rotation.

Spring PE

PE will be swimming on a Wednesday at the Derwent Pool in Norton and Forest Schools at Joan's Wood, West Ness on a rotational basis. Swimming kits should include swimming shorts for the boys and a one-piece costume for the girls. They will need a towel and goggles if they wear them. The Forest Schools waterproofs will be provided by school but children will need to bring a pair of wellington boots. There will be lots of opportunities, as usual, to participate in team events representing the school.



After School Clubs

Mrs Caddy and Mrs Harland will be running Film Club for both classes on a Tuesday after school. Please return the letter if your child would like to attend. Mrs Carter is also running a Dance Club— details can be found on the letters sent home.

Homework reminders; Children are expected to do SMIRFs, spellings and reading homework each week, and will occasionally be set some homework related to their lessons.

Homework

The children should bring homework books to school each day regardless of which day they have spelling tests as homework can be given for any lesson, any day.

Maths

The children will continue to work through the SMIRF booklets. Please let your teacher know when you have achieved all the targets and are ready to be tested. Please continue to help and support your child in learning these key facts as they underpin all the areas of maths the children should be secure with. Times tables knowledge is particularly important and continues to be an area children struggle with. Please ask if you need anything to support your child in their maths learning this term.

Spelling

Children will have spellings to learn each week and will be tested on a Friday. We would like children to learn the spellings and be able to use them correctly in their everyday writing. The children will carry out a variety of spelling related homework activities that will be given during the session. Children will have a week to complete these activities.

Reading

All the children are expected to read at home at least three times a week. For children on the school reading scheme, reading books and records must be brought to school each day so children may be heard to read as regularly as possible by teachers as well as parents. We ask you to fill in the date and comments boxes every time they read their school reading book to you. In Class 2, children are responsible for changing their own reading book once they have finished it. All children are also encouraged to bring in a reading book of their own choice as there are sometimes opportunities for quiet reading during the school day. The school library is also available for all children to borrow books from. These can be recorded in the library loans book.

Please make sure children have returned books they have borrowed so our Library remains stocked with wonderful books that all the children can enjoy.

We have several parents and friends of the school who have volunteered to come and listen to readers. This will begin later this term and all children will be given the opportunity to read to these visitors.

Finally...

If there is anything that you would like to discuss, we would be more than happy to meet with you. Appointments can be made for after the school day. Mornings are busy times setting up for the day ahead.

Thanks for your continued support,
Mr Gee, Mrs Harland and Mrs Owen

