

# Summer 2016

April 2016



## Welcome Back!

**Hovingham  
Primary School  
Class 2**



Hello and welcome back to all our families after a rather wet and wild Easter break. We hope, between the rain, you managed to get out and about and enjoy all the fantastic activities and places to visit we are lucky enough to have in our local communities.

This term, as always, we have lots of exciting learning opportunities to look forward to.

We will be looking to Greece and the history of the Olympics in preparation for this year's Olympic events in Rio, Brazil. Class 2 will be doing geography and history based research on both modern and ancient Greece. You can support your children in this by helping them to do research, getting books out of your local library and encouraging their interest in the topic at home.

## Curriculum

In English, we will look at Greek myths, travel and tourist brochures, poems and news reports.

In maths, the children will be furthering their mental maths skills, finding out about ratio and proportion and consolidating other areas of learning.

As part of our science topic-sound we'll be finding out about what makes sounds, volume, pitch and much more. We'll also be learning about plants and hopefully beginning to grow some of our own. In computing, the children will be learning about data logging and making animations and art will have an architectural focus; the amazing ancient Greek buildings such as the Parthenon and amphitheatres and also the pottery depicting ancient Olympians and Greek scenes. PE, Music and French will continue on a Friday afternoon

## Spring PE

PE will be Tuesday Forest Schools and Friday at St Hilda's. Please ensure your children come on these days with the correct kit. Outdoor PE will be done at St Hilda's so outdoor shoes, jogging bottoms and a warm top, black or navy blue please as outlined in the uniform policy. For Forest Schools, the children will be responsible for their waterproofs as before. Please ensure if these come home to wash, they are washed in line with instructions given previously and returned ready for use the following Tuesday. Children need wellies and can bring old clothes if they wish, but this is not essential.



## After School Clubs

Mrs Harland and Mrs Caddy will be running Gardening Club for both classes on a Tuesday after school. There are still some places if your child would like to attend. Please return the slip sent home. Mrs Carter is also continuing to run Dance Club on a Thursday.

## Homework

Children are expected to do SMIRF's, spellings and reading homework each week, and will occasionally be set some homework related to their lessons. Homework books should be brought to school each day as homework can be given for any lesson, at any time.

## Maths

The children will continue to work through the SMIRF booklets. Targets will be checked on a regular basis but only signed off when class teachers feel children are 100% secure. Maths work books will continue to be used and particular topics or pages will be given as homework on a regular basis.

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 Thursday. 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 volunteer to come and listen to readers. The children have been enjoying this and benefitting from extra support.

## **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 as mornings are busy times setting up for the day ahead.

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

