



Year Two Newsletter

January, 2025



Welcome

A huge, warm welcome back to our Year Two pupils and parents. We hope that you have had a wonderful holiday and are excited and raring to go for the Spring Term.

Website Reminder

To keep up to date with key information, diary dates and your child's learning and achievements, please refer to our website at: www.oldcleeprimaryacademy.co.uk. Click on the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 2.



Social Media Reminder

We are using our school media account frequently, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy), to see what the children have been up to!

Curriculum

This term in Maths, Year Two will be focusing on number. The children will deepen their understanding of multiplication and division, as well as applying their understanding of number to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems. In English, the new term will begin with a fiction focus. The children will have the opportunity to be creative when re-telling and re-inventing the story "The Dragon Machine" written by Helen Ward. Following this, the children will research and write a biography about a significant figure within their non-fiction writing. Our children will be given regular opportunities to read and be read to this term, in particular, during Read Write Inc, English and in ERIC time. Our focus book for the first part of the term will be "The Dragon Machine" written by Helen Ward. The children will then be immersed in the hilarious story of The Boy Who Cried Ninja' by Alex Latimer along with many other books when reading for pleasure. Check out the website to see your class' books!

We are also looking forward to covering a broad range of curriculum areas over the next term. In Design and Technology, we will be learning about seasonal foods. We will also be designing, making, tasting and evaluating our own couscous – yummy! In Art, our focus will be painting and the skills and techniques inspired by Van Gogh in his artwork 'Starry Night'. Within History lessons, we will be learning about the life of Queen Elizabeth II and her significance as a British monarch. In Geography, we will be learning about the weather and also taking part in local fieldwork, using aerial images and photos to learn about land use and the school grounds. In P.E we will be focusing on developing our stepping and rolling techniques during our gymnastics unit, whilst also learning how to create and link sequences in interpretive dance. This term will also see us continuing our personal development journey, learning to become SUPERB citizens.



Homework, Spelling, Times tables and KIRFS

Each week, your child will be given spellings and times tables to learn which will now be assessed each **Thursday**. At home, children will be able to improve their maths fluency through practising their fortnightly KIRFS. You can also support your child with their times tables speed and accuracy, by logging onto www.ttrockstars.com. You can find their log in details in their home school book.

P.E.

Please ensure that your child attends school wearing their PE kit on their class P.E days, in line with the school uniform policy (found in the home school contact book). Jewellery must be removed prior to the P.E. session.

General reminder:

We recommend that all children bring a clearly labelled water bottle in to school daily. This must contain fresh water only. For hygiene reasons, they must be taken home, washed and refilled daily. They can be refilled during the school day but anything other than water will not be allowed to be consumed unless you can provide written medical evidence from your GP. On receiving this you will then need to fill in a Medical Health Care plan. See section 4. If your child has a packed lunch a second drink should be included. However, no fizzy drinks are allowed to be brought into school. Children having school lunches will be provided with water.

Dates for your Diary

Monday PE for 2LR

Thursday PE for 2RJ

Every Thursday: New spellings and times tables given out. (KIRFs fortnightly)

Wednesday 26th March: Year 2 Street Life Museum, Hull Trip - Details to follow.

Kindest Regards, The Year Two Teaching Team.