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Year 2A (Mr. Logan's class)

Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A warm welcome back to everyone. The children have thoroughly enjoyed seeing their friends again and they have quickly settled back into school life.

PSHE: The first week of school is all about healthy eating. We will also look at exercise, rest, hand washing and brushing our teeth. On Wednesday Chef Sarah will be in to show us how to make some healthy dishes!

English: The children's work in literacy will be based around the books of Traction Man and Little Red Riding Hood. In Year 2, children's handwriting really starts to develop, and we teach the cursive script at North Park. In writing lessons, children will be developing their writing skills in a range of areas, including character descriptions, story writing, information texts and poetry. The children's knowledge of punctuation, vocabulary and spelling will be expanded throughout these lessons.

Reading: Please remember how important it is to listen to your child read on a regular basis – your support with reading makes such a difference to all aspects of your child's curriculum work, to their confidence in class and the rate at which they develop their reading skills. Your child will bring home books to read and discuss. It would be extremely helpful if you could hear your child read at least three times a week and record this in their diary. Please make sure that the diaries and books are brought to school every day, so we can monitor reading and your child can also read in school. Your child will change their reading book at least once a week, allowing them to read a wide range of text types and develop their fluency. I will also be allocating phonics books online so that your child can read the phonics book that they have practised in school, one last time.

Numeracy: We will be focusing on number and place value this term; recognising the value of each digit within a number, representing numbers in various ways, ordering, comparing and sequencing numbers. The children will also be developing their addition and subtraction skills with numbers up to 100. We will also start to begin to learn the ten times table and it would be really helpful if you could practise this with your child.

Science: In science we are looking at our topic of animals including humans. Throughout this topic children will develop their enquiry skills and carry out practical work through simple scientific investigations.

Geography: The children will study the topic of 'Why is my world wonderful?'. This will be a focus on learning the continents and ocean names and locations. They will also learn to name some of the famous mountains and rivers around the world as well as basic information about their formation. Finally, they will learn how to read and create basic maps on local areas.

History: The children will study the topic of 'Why are some places special?'. This will focus on local places and their importance in our past, present and future. There will be specific focus on Durham Cathedral which will include a school trip to learn about its importance.

RE: The children will learn more about the Christian faith and why the Bible is important to Christians. We will also look at the life and work of St Cuthbert. **The Durham Cathedral trip** will explore the life of St Cuthbert, one of our northern saints.

PE: The children will have P.E twice a week. The days that P.E is done may vary, so please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school every day, including appropriate footwear, and all jewellery is removed before coming to school. **Currently Tuesday and Friday are our days for PE.**

Music: We will do a lot of listening, singing and experimenting with sound this year. In the autumn term, children will experiment with sounds associated with the topic 'Musical Me'.

If you have any queries about your child's learning in school or any other issue you wish to discuss, please leave a message in the office and I will contact you by phone.

Mr. Logan and Mrs. Swindells

