



Byland Class Newsletter - Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a lovely half-term break.

Our topics this half term are '**Let there be Light**' and '**Winter**'. We will be learning about Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes, and we will be thinking about seasonal changes associated with winter. We will then move onto learning about Christmas and why it is an important celebration in the Christian calendar. We will be performing our Nativity Play, and enjoying lots of arts and crafts which will no doubt involve lots of glitter!

In **maths** we will be learning the names of 2d shapes and thinking about their properties. We will continue with our number work and will be introducing the children to addition and subtraction.

Phonics / Reading

The children will continue with their Little Wandle phonics programme which will see the introduction of digraphs (two letters which make one sound) such as ai and ee, along with new tricky words. There will be a daily re-cap of previously learnt sounds to cement their learning and we will be encouraging the children to write simple words and captions within small focus groups and in the areas of provision.

Please continue to support your child when reading their Little Wandle reading book. When ready, the children will progress onto books containing words for them to blend using the sounds they have previously learned. Please add some comments in your child's yellow reading record to let us know when you have read and how they have got on.

PE will continue to be on Wednesday afternoon and our focus for this half-term is dance. Please bring your child's PE kit in a named bag with both indoor and outdoor kit into school this week. Please provide dark joggers, school hoodie and trainers as well as shorts and t-shirt - we may still be outdoors for some sessions depending on the weather.

In **RE** we will be thinking about 'Which times are special and why? We will be learning about different Christian celebrations, such as christenings, weddings and of course Christmas! In addition, we will be learning about celebrations from different faiths starting with Diwali. Our Collective Worship theme this half term is 'Thankfulness'.

Forest School sessions will continue on a Monday afternoon with Mr Houghton. The children should bring with them warm outdoor clothing (joggers/ thicker socks) their school uniform on the top half is fine including coat and layers. Please provide a pair of named wellies to be worn for Forest School and for use in our outdoor area. Ideally, wellies should be left in school.

Thank you for accepting your invites and joining our **Class Dojo** - we hope you have found this useful and informative. We enjoy sharing what the children have been doing in class and we will continue to use Class Dojo for this purpose and to issue any notices. You can contact us using Dojo with any questions or queries or you can catch us at drop off / pick up if you would prefer to talk to us in person.

Many thanks

Mrs Bennison and Mrs Tyrka 😊