



Byland Class Newsletter - Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school. We hope you have had a restful Christmas and we wish you all a very Happy New Year! Thank you for all the lovely Christmas gifts and best wishes we received at the end of last term; it was very kind of you.

We will be continuing with our topic on winter, looking at changes in the weather, winter clothing and how animals adapt to the colder temperatures. We will then move onto looking at the polar regions and the animals which live there. We will finish the half term learning about the Chinese New Year celebrations.

In **maths** we will be looking at the composition of numbers within 10. We will be using mathematical equipment to support us with addition and subtraction calculations, and we will be looking at mass and capacity.

Phonics / Reading

The children will continue learning new digraphs and tricky words within their Little Wandle phonics programme. There will be a daily re-cap of previously learnt sounds to cement their learning and we will be focusing on learning to write short sentences.

In addition to their Little Wandle book, the children will bring home an extra book each week matched to their phonics ability for them to read at home with you. They may not be able to read ALL the words in this book, so please do support them with this. These books will replace the library books which the children previously brought home. 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. These books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PE will continue to be on Wednesday afternoon and our focus for this half-term will be gymnastics. We will mainly be indoors for this, but we may have some PE sessions outside, weather permitting. 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.

In **RE** we will be thinking about 'Which places are special and why?'. We will be learning about places of worship which are special for both Christians and for people following different faiths. Our Collective Worship theme this half term is 'Compassion'.

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.

We will continue to use Class Dojo to issue notices and to share what the children have been doing in class each week. On Thursdays we will announce the weekly awards via Dojo as the school newsletter will now be issued monthly.

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 😊