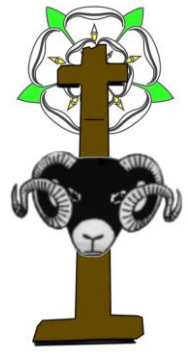




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## Class 2

This week we have begun our new topic based around the theme of "Flight". Through this topic we will be studying the history of flight along with the forces involved in getting airborne. Our class book is "My Dad is a Birdman" by David Almond. This is a very entertaining and heart-warming story based around the idea of a competition to fly across the River Tyne. It will provide us with both the opportunity to look at narrative structure and to investigate relationships. In addition, we will be looking at the artwork and how to mix suitable colours for illustrations.

## **Social, Emotional, Health and Well-being**

This week we looked at responsibilities and the role they play in making us feel like we belong. We began by looking at responsibilities that are just for ourselves and then extended these out to a wider geographical area to help the children understand that the way they behave can impact on a very wide scale.

## **KS2 reading**

Children in Class 2 have the opportunity to read in class most days, either individually, to an adult or in group guided reading. Please can you ensure that they also have regular opportunities to read at home and that this is recorded in their reading record. It is really important that children read regularly as it both widens their vocabulary and helps them build stamina to read longer texts. Thank you.

## Class 1

This week we have begun working on this term's topic of *Flight*, which we are addressing through a focus on dragons, complete with a giant dragon cave for the children to role play and express their creativity in. In order to access and appreciate the story we will be working on, our English lessons have begun with researching and collating facts and information about dragons – their appearance, personality, habitat, routines, etc. This has linked with our art work where we have created our own dragons using information that we have gathered. In maths, we have been working on deepening our understanding of the *difference* between numbers and our recognition of the various terminology that refer to this, as well as looking at sequences of tens and rounding to the nearest ten. We have also begun working on our science theme for this term which is materials.

**Please note that all children in Class 1 have today been given spellings to learn for next Friday. Please check the children's book bags for their spelling books. Thank you.**

**Also, this term Yr 1 and Reception will be doing PE on a Monday afternoon (when Yr 2 are at their swimming lessons), so please ensure that they have their PE kits with them at school. Thank you.**

## **Diary dates for the week commencing Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>:** pm – Swimming (Yr2 and selected pupils only)  
After school – Booster Class (Yr6 pupils only)

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>:** pm -Yr 3 – Forest Schools at Castleton – **wear appropriate clothing**  
pm – Yr4 – Key Steps 2 Gym Festival – Eskdale School (selected pupils only)

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>:** pm – KS1 – Forest Schools here at school – **wear appropriate clothing**  
pm – Yrs5/6 – Key Steps 3 Gym Festival – Eskdale School (selected pupils only)

**Yr 4 – Key Steps 2 Gym Festival – Eskdale – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

For those pupils selected, see the **attached** letter and please return the consent form to school on **Monday morning**. Thank you.

**Yrs 5/6 – Key Steps 3 Gym Festival – Eskdale – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

For those pupils selected, see the **attached** letter and please return the consent form to school on **Monday morning**. Thank you.

**REMINDER – Swimming - Mondays**

For those pupils going, please ensure they have their costumes, towels and a warm hat (for afterwards) with them on the morning.

**REMINDER – Yr 6 only – Booster Classes – Mondays**

For those who haven't already done so, please return the consent form for your child to attend on **Monday morning** in time for that evening's session. Thank you.

**REMINDER - Yr 3 - Forest Schools – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Please ensure that your child comes to school on the day appropriately dressed for these outdoor sessions with a warm coat, hat and gloves as well. Thank you.

**REMINDER - KS1 – Forest Schools – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

Please note that these sessions will now take place here at school with Mrs Barbour and not over at Castleton as previously stated. The dates haven't changed. Please ensure that your child comes to school on the day appropriately dressed for these outdoor sessions with a warm coat, hat and gloves as well. Thank you.

**REMINDER – Yrs 3 & 4 - Peat Rigg trip**

If you are paying for this trip via instalments, please note that the first payment of £20 is now due. Thank you.

**Diary date – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

This day is this term's special menu day, when it will be "Australia Day"! The children will be served Adelaide Meat Pie or Brisbane Bean Pot (for the vegetarians) with Damper Bread and Lamington Oranges. Sounds yummy mate !

**Term Dates 2018**

To avoid any further confusion, please find **attached** a list of the dates for the forth-coming terms up until July. **Please note the PD Days listed at the bottom**, when the children will not be in school.

**Bonus Ball winners**

- 16/12/17 – 14 – Sue Harland
- 23/12/17 – 41 – Ruth & Dick Brew
- 30/12/17 – 34 – roll over week
- 6/1/18 – 50 – Hayley Webster

**Lego Masters**

Please see the attached flyer. If you're 9 years old or older, loved the 1<sup>st</sup> series of this popular programme and enjoy building with Lego yourself, why not ask a parent/carer to register your/their interest with the production company behind the show?



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## News from Castleton Classes

Welcome back everyone! **KS1** have had a busy first week back. We have been focusing on fractions in Maths and found halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and quantities. Our new story is "The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch" which has some interesting vocabulary (we needed a dictionary!) In History we are learning about Grace Darling. Our new topic for the term is flight and we will be exploring the history of flight and how it has changed.

Year 1 and 2 children will have spellings to practice this week, remember a little practice each day is the most effective. Can we remind everyone about the importance of daily reading and questioning children about what they are reading to check their understanding.

Year 2 children will need swimming kits for Monday swimming sessions. PE will be Mondays and Fridays and PE kits will need to be in school for these sessions.

**Congratulations to Effie** who is a member of Redcar Gymnastics Club Elite Squad and has now been given the opportunity to take part in the British Elite Grades - only the top ten in the region are offered this chance!

**KS2:** Happy New Year everyone, it has been great that everyone has rested and is ready to get on with the learning for 2018.

In Maths we have been working on the favourite FDP topics, fractions, decimals and percentages. For some it seems obvious how they all connect together, for others not so clear. When the penny drops that actually it means the same thing but said in different ways it makes the topic easier. For example,  $0.5 = 5/10 = \frac{1}{2} = 50\% = 50/100$ .

We have thought again about presentation and how the way books are organised with clear answers gives the best impression and shows that pride is taken in the work. Well done to everyone who had their handwriting chosen by their peers to be the example to go on the classroom wall.

The topic this term is flight and we have started with thinking how much science and invention has happened over the years for mankind to understand how to fly like birds. We shall look at this in more detail and also think will we ever have teleportation and travel portals.

Thank you to everyone who has kept the reading records going in the holidays. Mrs Grace has been pleased with all the exciting books the children have had as Christmas presents that they are keen to read and talk about.