



## Class C Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to offer you all a very warm welcome back to Furness Vale Primary School and a warm welcome to our new families who have joined Class C. The children have all had a fantastic start to the new term and for some a new school and have settled in really well.

Our main topic this term will be 'The Great Fire of London.' As many subjects as possible will be incorporated into this topic.

### Read Write Inc (Phonics)/English



The children will continue to have an hour RWI session every morning with their ability group. We assess the children every term. 1:1 sessions are given to any children who need additional learning time.

Kayleigh will be teaching one group (mainly Year 1's), and I will be teaching the other group (mainly Year 2's). Please keep practicing the new sounds and reading at home. Encourage your child to show you what they have learnt and the sound/book they are practicing.

There will be plenty of writing opportunities across other curriculum areas to inspire their own writing.

### Snack

A snack of fruit and water is provided although if your child would like to bring their own **healthy** snack to school, this is fine too.



The children all have their own water bottle at school so please keep their water bottles at home unless they require one with their packed lunch.

## Maths

This term we will be focusing on Place Value. There will also be a big focus on the children all being confident with their number bonds to 20.

The children are taught based on ability, mainly Year 1 children will be taught by Miss Heathcote and the Year 2 children will be taught by myself.

Some children will have additional sessions if required.



## George the Giraffe



George the Giraffe is our class friend. He will be sent home with a chosen Year 1 child on a Friday with a book. Please take pictures of what he gets up to over the weekend, send them to me if you cannot print them off and they will be put in the book. Also, the children have been asked to write a sentence about what George gets up to, this will encourage them to write independently.

Once all the Year 1's have had their turn to enjoy a weekend with George. I will start again and choose a child from the pot to take George and complete a new mission over the weekend.

## Uniform

If you haven't already done so, **please, please, please** clearly label all uniform, coats, gloves, hats, P.E kit and bags (if they do not have a book bag) etc.

As you can appreciate it is hard to locate items with no names on.

We do encourage the children to put any items of clothing/belongings on their peg or in their class tray throughout the day so hopefully they will become familiar with this throughout the school year.

## P.E

PE this term will be on a Wednesday afternoon please send in their kits which is a plain white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms and a pair of pumps or trainers.

This will be kept in school until the end of each term.





## Good News



If your child does anything amazing at home and you would like us to celebrate it, please send me a dojo and I will make sure I share it with the class.



One child will be chosen on a Friday to bring in a chosen item to share with the class on Tuesday afternoon.

## Reading Books

Reading books will be changed on a Friday, please could you make sure you fill out the reading record book so we know they have read both books at home.



## Reading Challenge Card

The children will be sent home with a reading challenge card with stars around the edge. Each time your child reads to you they colour in a star.

Once all the stars have been coloured in, they will put it in the class box and are given another one. At the end of every week, I will pick two cards



## VIP Story Times at 3pm

To continue a love of reading and listening to stories, we would like to start a VIP Mystery Story time guest.

At least once a term a mystery guest (teacher, school staff, parent etc) will read a story to the children at the end of a school day.

If you would like to volunteer, please let me know through dojo and we can put in the diary. The children will love it!



## Toys/Pencil cases

We know the children like to bring toys/objects/pencil cases from home in to school to show their friends but please could you persuade them not to.

If they lose their toy/object/pencil case in school, it is very hard to find it again and I do not want your child to be upset.

## Class Dojo

Class Dojo is our way of communicating with you and letting you know what the children have been up to and it's also a way for you to communicate with me in case you have any questions/concerns.

It is private so please do not worry about other people reading it. We will also be using dojo as a reward system so you can see what your child is being rewarded for.

The child with the most dojos at the end of the week will be rewarded.



## Rewards

Stickers are given as rewards for amazing work during the day. As part of a whole school reward, the children may be given dojos through our Class Dojo.

On a Friday afternoon, the children have golden time where they can choose what they would like to do.

I will be introducing other rewards throughout the school year to encourage and celebrate their successes and effort.

## Homework

All homework will be posted on Class Dojo this year, along with spellings which will then be tested the following Friday. The children will be given their Brain Builder homework on a Friday, and I will collect it in on the following Thursday before marking it and handing it back out again.

As I am sure you are aware, the children will have two reading books sent home. One of them is the take home RWI book which is the book they have been learning in school. The other is a book bag book which is book banded at the level they are working on in RWI within the classroom. Reading should hopefully, be taking place daily and needs to be recorded in the Reading Record book. I do appreciate it isn't always possible for this to happen however we need to know they have read so we can change their reading book.



We hope we have given you all the information you need, please do not hesitate to contact me through Class Dojo at any time and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Miss Nicholls