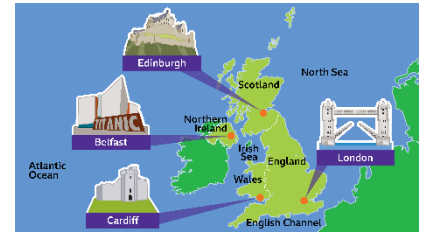




Northenden Community School

Class Information for Parents



Class Year 2

Term Spring 1 (6 weeks)

Theme What makes our world wonderful?

The Big Idea!

This term will have a geography focus looking at human and physical features of both the UK and abroad, drawing comparisons between the UK and another country and learning about geographical features of the world such as oceans and continents. To compliment this in writing we will be looking at texts that celebrate our natural world and think about our impact on the environment starting with The Lumberjack's Beard. In art we are exploring our use of colour and texture through the medium of painting and in music we are appraising pieces in relation to how they use music to tell a story.

In **READING** lessons, the children will ...



- Build their comprehension skills through guided reading sessions and whole-class texts.
- Read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts, linking where possible to our History topic and English focus.
- Guided reading focuses on bespoke skills such as phonics, blending, expression and comprehension. Your child will be listened to once a week by the class teacher in their guided reading groups which are flexible and based on their reading book band.

In **WRITING** lessons, the children will ...



- Learn how to write instructions using correct present tense verbs, adverbs, time openers.
- Learn how to write persuasive speech and letters using subordinating and coordinating conjunctions.
- Learn how to use the contracted form of words.
- Continue to practice letter formation, joining and correct basic grammar on a sentence level (capital letters and full stops).

In **MATHEMATICS** lessons, the children will...



- Add and subtract two 2-digit numbers including on a number line including across 10
- Recognise and calculate with money
- Multiplication: make equal groups and use arrays

In **COMPUTING / ICT** lessons, the children will



- Identify the main keys on a keyboard and use them for typing.
- Use the 'spacebar' correctly when typing short words or sentences.
- Type capital letters using the 'Shift' key.
- Explain that the keyboard is an input device used to enter information.
- Type sentences using a word processor and make simple text changes.
- Select text and use on-screen buttons to alter its appearance.

In **Geography** we will ...



- Identify and locate characteristics of the UK on a map.
- Identify human and physical features.
- Name and locate the five oceans on a world map.
- Use an aerial photograph to draw a simple sketch map.
- Collect data by sketching findings on a map and completing a tally chart.
- Present their findings in a bar chart.

In **MUSIC** we will ...



- Learn about tempo
- Describe dynamics
- Discover how music supports a story
- Rehearse and perform as part of a group using appropriate sounds.



In **PSHCE** we will ...

- Learn about how to look after our mental health and well-being.
- Recognise different emotions and if they are big or small
- Learn strategies for managing emotions to create our own well-being tool kit.



PE lessons will take place on TUESDAYS

In our PE lessons, the children will

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- On Mondays we will be taking part in cricket lessons
- On Fridays we will be doing gymnastics

OTHER INFORMATION



- The class will be taught by Miss Ahmed on Friday mornings
- Homework will be given out on Fridays for return the following Thursday
- Library books to be changed every Friday
- Reading books changed when they are completed at home
- Spellings given every Friday and tested the following Friday
- PE kits in school so that we can do two lessons per week



YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME BY ...

- Reading for 10 minutes a day
- Practice daily spellings and daily handwriting
- Observing your child whilst or after they complete homework to check for misconceptions