



Cumberworth CE First School

ENJOY, ENRICH, EXCEL



Team Colosseum – Class Newsletter Spring 2

School improvement focus

Our focus this half term is:

Art & DT

English

We will continue to explore the driver text 'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey. We will explore the text through a variety of writing opportunities, including giving advice to characters and creating a space log to document an adventure into unknown territory, before writing an extended fantasy story of their own. We will then look at the text 'The Owl and the Pussy-cat' by Edward Lear, illustrated by Charlotte Voake, during which we will explore the themes of the poem, write in role as the characters, create fictitious interviews, create lists of items they can take on their honeymoon and eventually innovate upon the poem to create our own versions.

Maths

This half term, we will be covering:

- Multiplication and Division
- Statistics

Diary Dates

March:

- 5th – World Book Day
- 6th – Huddersfield Town Foundation Blue & White Day
- 13th – Mothers' Day Event
- 20th – Whole School Science Day
- 24th – After School Film Night
- 25th – Easter Worship for Parents
- 27th – Kirkwood hospice Bunny run fundraiser

Attendance

Our class attendance this year to date is 98.01%

General Class Information

Our P.E days are **Wednesday and Thursday** so your child can come to school dressed in their P.E kit.

Please make sure your child has a **water bottle** in school each day.

Maths homework will be set on a **Friday** to be returned the following **Thursday**.

Spellings will also be set on a Friday. These will be linked to what the children will be learning in spelling/phonics sessions the following week.

Learn to Read books and **Love to Read** books will be sent home weekly. QR code links to 'Shared Reader' books for Year 1 and 'Routes to Reading' books for Year 2 (which we will be using in our reading lessons) will be sent home via dojo. Please fill in a comment in your child's reading record book so that we know that they are coping well with the books sent home. Your child needs to discuss the content of the book to help develop their comprehension skills and the breadth of their vocabulary.

Please can you ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading record book in to school every day.

The **homework grid** provides suggestions of other tasks that you can choose to complete over the half term.

Our library day is Friday. Please ensure that library books are in school on this day.

Topic this half term....

- In **Science**, we will be learning about the growth of plants from seeds and bulbs. We will observe the growth of plants, recording changes over time and identify what plants need to grow and stay healthy.
- In **History**, we will be continuing our work on 'Magnificent Monarchs and how power and rule has changed in the UK over time.
- In **D.T**, we will build on our sewing skills, using running stitch to create a soft bag charm and evaluate our designs.
- In **Art**, we will continue learning about the visual elements of flowers, including shape, texture, colour, pattern and form. We will continue to explore various artistic methods, including drawing, printmaking and 3-D forms, using paper and clay.
- In **RE**, we will be discussing the question 'What do Christians believe God is like?'. We will find out what parables are, focussing on the parable of the Lost Son and what this story teaches many Christians about God. We will explore what it means for Christians to ask for forgiveness and how Christians show their love for God.
- In **Music**, we will begin by exploring how beats are groups, moving freely and creatively to two pieces from Shostakovich's Jazz suites, each in a different metre, as well as devising our own body percussion patterns to demonstrate metre. We will then explore film composing. We will use a film by Charlie Chaplin to help us to understand different musical elements (duration, tempo, dynamics).
- In **Computing**, we will be focussing on data. We will label, group and sort data to answer different questions.
- In **PSHE**, we will be studying how to stay healthy and how it makes us feel to make healthy choices. We will also look at medicine safety.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

If you wish to contact the school office, please ring 01484 609818 or email office@cumberworthfirstschool.co.uk.

To keep up to date, visit our school website, download the Class Dojo app.

If you have any safeguarding concerns, then please see our safeguarding website page for information.