

# KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

## TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2018



### YEAR ONE

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the second term in Year one. The children have settled back in and are very busy with their daily timetables.

#### **Our Topic**

*Term 2: Look Where I Live*

Our topic this term will be 'Look Where I Live'. This term, we shall focus on developing our geographical skills. The children will learn some directional language and use this to describe features on maps. In RE, we will be learning about the Christian community. We will be thinking about special places and, as part of this, we will visit Kirton church.

#### **Maths and English**

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: *multiplication and division, position and direction, measurement (money), number and place value.* In order to support your child, you could practise recognition of numbers from 0 to 20, coin recognition, left and right directional language, positional language (above/below) and sharing of numbers to 20.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child will be learning the: *two times table.*

In order to support your child, you could access 'Hit the button', a website designed to support recognition of the times tables. Hit the button will support your child in being able to recall number facts within the two times tables.

Supporting this, you can also access the read, say, cover, write, check grids to practise the two times tables on the school's website.

In English, we will be learning about: *instructions, invitations, newspaper reports, recounts and letters.*

In order to support your child's understanding of newspaper reports, it would be beneficial if they could access a range of newspapers to become familiar with the format and structure. The local library is a useful resource to access as they frequently update their newspaper collection.

Alongside this, there is a variety of child-centred

newspaper websites such as <https://www.firstnews.co.uk/> to develop children's understanding of newspapers.

The spellings that your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains water.

#### **PE**

Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

#### **Homework**

Homework is set on a Wednesday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework please come and see us as soon as possible.

#### **Important Dates**

12.12.18 - Y1 Christmas performance 2pm

19.12.18 - Christmas dinner

07.01.19 – First day of term 3

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#### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

**Visit:**

- A church – To explore special places in our community related to Christianity.
- The library – To research maps and their purpose.

**Useful websites:**

Phonics - <http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/what-is-letters-and-sounds.html>

Maths - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Geography - <https://earth.google.com/web/>

**Things to make/do at home:**

- Birdseye view of Kirton, including key features such as the school, church and shops.
- Write a newspaper article about Kirton/your local community.
- Make a cake/cupcake together, following simple instructions.

Yours sincerely  
Miss Murchington Mr Smith  
Year 1 Class Teachers

