



Lower Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Autumn Edition 2021

Message from Mrs Hemingway

Welcome to the Autumn LKS2 newsletter! The beginning of the 2021/22 academic year has seen the children return to school with an excellent readiness to learn. They really have been exceptional since returning to school and have settled back in fantastically. This termly newsletter will continue to celebrate the work the children have achieved and give you an insight into what the next term will entail. I will also remind you of relevant information and important messages. As always, thank you for continuing to support us.

Autumn 2 at Dane Royd & Dates for the Diary

This half-term we have lots of exciting things in store for the children's learning. We will be taking part in Music, Computing and Design Technology curriculum days where we will be learning about pitch, rhythm and pulse, how to create and advertise a game and we will also be designing and making a Viking longship with a moving mechanism! As well as all of this, we will be celebrating the run up to Christmas in a variety of ways and making it extra special for the children as we always do at Dane Royd. We are already singing songs and will be creating Christmas cards and calendars over the coming weeks. I have no doubt that parents will soon know the songs as well as the children! Further information about the curriculum for this half-term can be found in the curriculum booklet and knowledge organisers.

- Maths Week - w/c 8th November
- Remembrance Day - 11th November
- Anti-Bullying and Road Safety Week - w/c 15th November
- Year 3 Dental Hygiene Talk - 17th November
- Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day - 10th December

Autumn 2 Topics

In Autumn 2, we will be learning all about the Vicious Vikings, continuing with our Sickening Saxons and Vicious Vikings history topic. We will be exploring the text 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell in our reading and writing lessons to tie in with this! In Science, we will be investigating 'Living Things and Their Habitats.'

LKS2 Email Address

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email (lks2lead@daneroyd.com) with any queries you have. This email address provides a quick way to get in touch with myself so that any enquiries can be dealt with promptly.

Well being

Mental health, wellbeing and mindfulness is crucial in children's progress and development. The following 'screen free' activities are here to help with relaxation time and to help your child take care of their own mindfulness and wellbeing with the aim of promoting a positive self-attitude.

- Have someone in your family sit while you draw their self-portrait. Maybe you could even sketch a pet!
- Get creative with words. Write a song, poem or rap about something you enjoy.
- Dance, dance, dance. Make up a dance routine to your favourite song then teach it to your family.
- Autumn nature art. Artwork is a great way to relax your mind. Can you use items from nature or around your home to create an autumn scene?

Twitter

Each class has its own Twitter account. We use the class accounts to share news about what the children have been up to. We try to update these as regularly as possible, so make sure you follow your child's class to see all their exciting learning.

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Notes for parents

- If you would like your child to have milk, please follow the link to order. www.freshpastures.co.uk
- Please order your child's lunch via Hungry Minds prior to coming to school. <https://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/>
- Please remember that your children need to bring their water bottles into school every day with only water in.
- A reminder that reading books and reading records are to be returned to school every Tuesday and new ones will be issued every Friday.
- As the weather is getting colder, winter P.E. kits should now be worn (black jogging bottoms and black jacket) and children need to bring a coat to school every day.

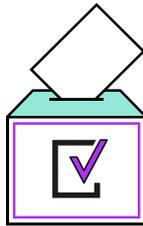
Our visit to JORVIK and DIG

In Autumn 1, we took a visit to DIG and JORVIK as part of our history topic. Whilst there, we explored a Viking village, took part in a battle tactics workshop, found out about Anglo-Saxon medicines and became archaeologists digging for artefacts. Here's a snapshot of our day.



School Council

I would like to say a huge congratulations to our newly appointed School Councillors from all three classes. I hope you wear your badges with pride and enjoy your new role within school. It is a great achievement to have been elected. A huge thank you also to all the children who put themselves forward for the role.



Children in Need 2021

Children will take part in lessons on Friday 12th, looking at the purpose of Children in Need. It will be a non-uniform day where children can either come in pyjamas, (PJ's for Pudsey), or any Children in Need merchandise. We just ask for children to be warm and still wear safe and appropriate shoes. Buckets will be on the playground if you would like to contribute to our Children in Need collection. Assemblies will be held in class on this day about the purpose of Children in Need.

PSHE - Celebrating Differences

We will be exploring how people have differences and similarities and how these make them unique as well as learning skills to make friendships and understanding how the words we choose to use can affect others and their feelings.