



Blencathra Class Newsletter



Spring Term 2022

Thursday 12th January

Dear Parents / Carers

The Spring Term has welcomed us back with some very wet and windy weather! Thankfully, the children have settled back very quickly into their routines and have been working very hard. They are missing Mrs Jarvis as much as the staff are but she should be back with us very soon. Thank you so much to everyone who sent a message wishing her well. They were all appreciated.

School Trips

Blencathra Class will be joining Cat Bells for two trips this term. Miss Mallinson has kindly organised a trip to Blackpool Zoo on February 16th and then a second trip to Greenlands Farm on March 30th. Our topics this term focus on climate, wildlife and weather which I am sure we will be able to link to both visits.

Homework

The children should continue reading 4 times each week to be in the Reading Raffle. Last term, our class had a larger percentage entered in the weekly raffle than any other. The support that the children receive at home is superb!

Next week, we will resume our routine of an additional, maths related homework activity, uploaded onto Seesaw every Monday. It will be optional but any further activities the children can do at home will be of a huge benefit.

Milk

At present, we have four children in the class who are signed up to have a daily drink of milk. Two of those children usually decline the milk and ask if it could be given to someone else. There are several children in the class who want milk but are not signed up. Please have a chat with your child about whether or not they would like milk.

PE Lessons

PE lessons will take place every Wednesday and Friday. On Wednesday the children will be doing dance in the hall with Steph from HP Activities. On Friday they will do gymnastics which will also be indoors. Miss Mallinson has arranged for Mrs Thornton from Dowdales to deliver three sessions of gymnastics but these will take place on a Tuesday. On these weeks, rather than have 2 gymnastic sessions, we will take the children to the garden for an outdoor learning activity (weather pending). Therefore, if the children can have an outdoor PE kit in school (joggers/fleece/hoody) each week, that would be great.

Extra Curricular Clubs

The clubs below are available to your child. All clubs finish at 4:15pm and cost £1 per session.

Monday - Free Choice
Tuesday - Gymnastics
Wednesday - Story & Craft
Thursday - Games
Friday - Lego

Money Matters

The PSHE topic this term is intended to develop the children's understanding of how money can be earned, how we keep it safe and what we can spend it on. They are learning the difference between things that we need to buy and things that we would like to buy. Consequently, I have taught this topic in one block, covering a session each day. It would be great if you could talk to the children about the different forms of money you use (coins, cash, cards, Apple Pay, online banking) and also how you go to work to earn money to buy what they need. Now may also be a good time to ask them to do some little jobs in order to earn their pocket money

Around every mountain is a new adventure!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any questions or queries over the next term, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Doran & Mrs Jarvis