# **Hellifield Community Primary School Saplings Class**

Mrs Cawood and Ms Rawsthorne



## **MATHS**

This term the children will be focusing on addition and subtraction as well as moving onto multiplication and division for Y3 and Shape for Y2. They will continue to build upon their investigative skills by solving a variety of real-life problems. The children will continue to build upon their key skills of numbers and the number system.

#### **ENGLISH**

In English, we are continuing to write our non — chronological reports about the big cats we have been learning about. We will then be exploring the poem, *The Little Boy Who Can Not See*, before writing our own poems. We will also be continuing to work on our grammar skills, including the use of commas and about the different word classes.

# **READING VIPERS**

We are looking forward to using our vocabulary, inferring, prediction, explaining, retrieving and summarising skills to delve deeper into different texts, this half term.

We are reading and enjoying a selection of early chapter books as our class reads at the end of each day.

## R.E.

This half term, Starlings will be studying prayer. In particular, we will be exploring the different reasons people pray and the ways in which they can do this.

#### DT

In DT, we will be focusing on textiles this half term by creating pouches. Children will be able to explain why they have chosen certain tools and materials when designing and making a product. They will learn skills, like using a running stitch, to attach materials together.



## **DIARY DATES**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Return to School!

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Odd Socks Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov -Children in Need

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Party

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> dec – Christmas Lunch

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec – Break up for Christmas!

Please refer to the monthly school newsletter for more dates and whole school information.



# **PSHE**

This half term we will be learning about different types of families as well as about creating and recognising positive relationships with family members.

# PΕ

We will be doing PE with Mrs Mercer on a Thursday morning.

We will be outside as much as possible so please make sure children bring kits appropriate for the weather.

#### **SAPLINGS REMINDERS!**

P.E KITS – PE will be on Thursdays

READING – Children should be reading every evening.

TIMES TABLES – Children should be practicing these weekly.

Year 2 – 2s, 5s and 10s Year 3 – 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s HOMEWORK – Homework will be sent out on a Friday, due in the following Thursday.

#### **FRENCH**

This half term our topic will be **The Calendar and Celebrations**. Children will recap numbers and colours, learn some classroom instructions, the days of the week and months of the year as well as explore how people celebrate Christmas in France.



## **MUSIC**

This half term we will be learning about how character is created within different pieces of music.

# **HISTORY**

Children will be exploring how schools were different in the past. We will look at the similarities and differences between our classroom today and those from many years ago. The children will consider if they would prefer to have gone to school today or in the past.

## **SCIENCE**

This half term we will be continuing our learning about **Animals including humans.** In particular, we will be exploring the human body including the role of the skeleton and muscles.