Bamburgh Class – Autumn Term 2: Houses and Homes & the Great Fire of London

We hope you have had a spooktacular half term break and are looking forward to starting another exciting term.

This half term we will continue our topic of Houses and Homes and will also be learning about the Great Fire of London. As we approach the end of the term we will have many Christmas activities to look forward to including a Christmas beach school day on the 16th December.

On our Christmas Beach Day will are looking forward to:-

- Experimenting with pulling each other on sleighs – talking about force- pulling, pushing, uphill, downhill, soft & hard sand.
- Reading and acting out the Night Before Christmas
- Making Sand Snowmen and decorating sand Christmas trees with natural found objects (seaweed as tinsel etc.)
- Playing Christmas beach games.

During the term pupils will carry out a range of activities across the curriculum related to our topic of Houses & Homes and the Great Fire of London. Please see our topic web for further information.

Dates for your diary:

8th & 10th November	Parent Meetings.
15th November	INTU Film Festival at Lesbury Village Hall.
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day.
16th December	Bamburgh Christmas Beach School Day.

Bamburgh Teaching Team

This half term there have been some changes to our timetable. Mrs Bowron & Mrs Hutchinson will be working with Bamburgh class on a Wednesday morning. After the first week we are very excited to welcome Mr Moloney, who will be teaching in Bamburgh class with Mrs Hutchinson every Friday till Christmas.

Phonics and Reading

Children will participate in daily sessions of phonics, guided reading and handwriting. We will share and listen to the following key texts this half term:

- Mr Majeika by Humphrey Carpenter;
- The Deep Dark Wood by Algy Craig Hall & Ali Pye;
- A dark, dark tale by Ruth Brown;
- Not Now Bernard by David McKee;
- The Traditional Tale of Hansel & Gretel;
- The Lonely Christmas Tree by Chris Naylor Ballesteros.
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Phonic Screening Check Year 2

Year 2 pupils will have a phonic screening check this half term. Information and resources have been sent to parents. Please continue to work with your child in readiness for these checks.

Reading Books
Your child will bring home three books a week. We ask that children read each book a minimum of two times, as rereading is an essential part of learning to read. Books will be changed on a **Thursday** this half term. After hearing your child read please tick the book list to show they have read their books. You may wish to add comments to your child's reading record as this helps us understand how pupils are getting on with their reading at home. We will also be using the reading records in school, and adults will use either an 'I read with an adult today' or an 'I've done guided reading today' stamp to keep them updated.

Homework and Spellings
Your child will have weekly spellings to learn at home linked to their phonics or common exception words. The spellings for Year 1 and Year 2 will be available on the school website and a paper copy of the spellings will also be sent home at the start of each term in your child's blue reading folder. We will have a spelling check this half term on a Thursday.

PE
It is hoped that we will have PE outside on Friday's with Mr Moloney but this can sometimes change so please bring PE kits on a Monday and take them home on a Friday. We would also ask that your child's P.E. kit is **clearly named**, as we cannot return unnamed items. We will also have Yoga and mindfulness activities on a Tuesday (for these activities we will not change).

Water Bottles
Please ensure your child has a named water bottle to use in school.

Ways to help your child:

- Read stories to your child, to develop the love of reading.
- Listen to your child read on a daily basis.
- Help your child to learn all their phonic sounds.
- Carry out spelling activities and learn weekly spellings.
- Visit the library to look for books to support our topic.
- Use the Internet to research our topic.
- Play English and math games on our virtual learning environment at www.school360.co.uk.
- Encourage your child to play on Numbots (Y1) or Times Table Rockstars (Y2).

School Closures
Here are some suggestions for activities in the event of a school closure:

- Numbots
- Times Table Rockstars.
- School 360 (activities and tasks set on Google classroom).
- https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/
- https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting
- Keep an illustrated diary of your day at home.

We look forward to another fun filled term with new & exciting learning experiences.

Kind regards

Miss Richardson, Mrs Hutchinson (& Mr Moloney)