Alnwick Castle Class Newsletter – Autumn 2

Teaching Team

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We will also be supported by Mrs Ellis as Mrs Smith

Welcome back Alnwick Castle Class!
We hope you had a lovely break with lots of fun and are now looking forward to a busy half term ahead. You made a wonderful start to Alnwick Castle Class and we have so many adventures planned ahead as a result. We will keep updating you via Tapestry but for general school and class information including diary dates, please regularly check the school website (www.hipsburn.northumberland.sch.uk).

Reminders

Tuesday - Forest School
Thursday - PE Kit Day
Friday - Celebration Assembly

Please bring water bottles and keep reading books in book bags each day so they are always available to read.

Remember to bring wellies and waterproofs so we can enjoy the outdoors no matter what the weather does!

This half term we will begin to explore 'Superheroes' as people who help us as well as 'Winter Celebrations'. As part of our celebrations topic, we will explore important events and festivals including Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. In the lead up to Christmas, we will learn about how this is celebrated in the Christian religion and how Diwali is celebrated in the Hindu Festival of Lights. We will read 'Christmas around the World' to explore different traditions and cultures of other countries, looking at similarities and differences and where they are on the map. We will also practise singing Christmas songs and songs for our whole school Christmas performance. We will be reading lots of stories including 'The Jolly Postman', 'Stickman' and 'Little Robin Red Vest' as our core books and as part of our topic. In our home corner, we will have a post office and children will have the opportunity to write lists and letters.

We will also continue to do lots of outdoor exploration in the forest to investigate seasonal changes as we move from autumn into winter. We will explore light and dark as we begin to think about nocturnal animals and their habitats.

Using Read Write Inc phonics programme, we will learn new sounds and begin to segment and blend sounds to read words and simple sentences. We will begin RWInc Red Ditty books and explore a range of stories, poems and non-fiction books.

As mathematicians, we will continue to explore numbers within 5 in depth; through representations, subitising, comparison and counting. We will sing counting nursery rhymes and will find and talk about numbers within the environment. We will learn about shapes with three and four sides and explore night and day to order key events in our daily routines.

In the first few weeks back after half term we have Remembrance Day and Children in Need day. We will have our next trips of the year to the Film Festival and our trip to the Playhouse as well as lots of festive activities towards the end of the half term. Keep watching the school calendar and Tapestry as there is lots to look forward to and remember!