

GIANTS

Fortnightly Newsletter

Welcome To Year 2

The children have all settled in really nicely to their new class. We have got ourselves organised with our routines so everyone feels confident that they know where to be and what to be doing. We're proud to be the 'bigger children' in Key Stage 1 now and have been discussing how we can set an example to the younger classes in school. This responsibility has been showing through in the way we act around school.

It's been wonderful to get to know everyone and find out about the amazing academic, artistic, sporty and many more talents we have in our class!

In Class

In English this week, we'll be looking at *The Lorax* by Dr Seuss. We'll be learning to 'read between the lines' to establish our ideas about what kind of person The Onceler character is.

In Maths, we'll be continuing our work on understanding 2-digit numbers by looking at different ways we can represent numbers, and practising comparing and ordering numbers using the < > and = symbols.

In Science, we are investigating materials with Mrs Parker. We'll be looking at some basic materials around us and exploring why things are made from that material.

In History, we are learning all about Harrogate and why it became a spa town. We'll learn about William Slingsby and how his discovery of Harrogate's spa water at Tewitt Well changed Harrogate forever...

Reading

Our first reading books will be coming home this week. Please note, we will no longer receive Read Write Inc books in Year 2 as these are linked to the RWI Literacy sessions that only run up to Year 1.

With our home-school reading books, we'll be working on:

- Applying our phonics skills to work out new words if we need to.
 - Having the confidence to sight read High Frequency Words and words we've seen before.
 - Using the rest of the sentence or the picture to predict what the next word is going to be.
 - Being confident to read without sounding out every word. Our catchphrase in reading is "if you think you know it, you probably do, so go for it!".
- We've spoken about how it's okay if we make a mistake – usually we'll notice straight away if it sounds wrong and be able to change it to make it make sense 😊

Homework + Notices

21st September: Maths Homework (due 28th)

28th September: Harrogate PLC (due within 3 weeks)

Thank you for all of your support so far, and for your patience at the gates whilst I am still learning faces. Getting there slowly!

Please remember to email sdaniel@killinghall.n-yorks.sch.uk if you haven't already, so that I have your contact details. Have a great fortnight! 😊

Miss Daniel