



**DANE ROYD SCHOOL**

## Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Autumn Edition 2021

### Message from Mrs Louden

Welcome to the Autumn UKS2 newsletter. I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. I cannot believe we are already into November! Now the time will really fly as we head into Christmas. I wanted to begin by saying how proud I am of the way in which the children have settled back into school during the first half term of the 2021-2022 academic year. The children have loved being back in school and have demonstrated a readiness to learn. We hope that you found both the curriculum evening and parent's evenings useful and informative, and if you have any questions following these then please do get in touch. As always, thank you for your continued support.

### Dates for the Diary

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> November: Parliament week
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November: Maths week
- 11<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November: Road Safety Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-bullying week
- 16<sup>th</sup> November: Year 5/6 visit to Skelton Grange
- 17<sup>th</sup> November: Year 5 visit to Skelton Grange
- 18<sup>th</sup> November: Year 6 visit to Skelton Grange
- 8<sup>th</sup> December: Flu vaccine
- 10<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas dinner day 
- 10<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas jumper day

### Autumn 2 Topics

In Autumn 2, we will be continuing our 'It's Not Too Late' topic, within which we will be looking at plate tectonics and how they can cause natural disasters. We will look at how tsunamis are formed and their devastating impact. To tie in with our topic, we will be continuing to read 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo. In addition to this, we will be celebrating the run up to Christmas in true Dane Royd style! Hearing the children rehearsing the songs for their Christmas production is something that we certainly missed last year! We have sent the children home with song lyrics and a script. Please can you support us and your child by helping them to learn these. We are also looking forward to making Christmas cards and calendars over the next few weeks. Further information about the Autumn 2 curriculum can be found in our curriculum booklet



### UKS2 Email Address

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email ([uks2lead@daneroyd.com](mailto:uks2lead@daneroyd.com)) with any queries you have. This email address provides a quick way to get in touch with myself so that any enquiries can be dealt with promptly.

### Well being

Technology and social media can be a fantastic tool in our daily lives, however at times it can become overwhelming, and it can feel difficult to switch off from never ending notifications and messages. When we feel like we are constantly attached to everyone and everything that is happening in the wider world, it can become exhausting. That's why finding time away from technology is an important part of caring for our own mental well-being, particularly during the winter months when the nights feel longer and we are perhaps not spending as much time outdoors as we do during the summer months. Set yourself the challenge this half term of putting down your devices and completing some screen free activities. Can you participate in a different screen free activity every day?

### Twitter

Each class has its own Twitter account. We use the class accounts to share news about what the children have been up to. We try to update these as regularly as possible, so make sure you follow your child's class to see all their exciting learning.

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### Notes for parents

- If you would like your child to have milk, please follow the link to order. [www.freshpastures.co.uk](http://www.freshpastures.co.uk)
- Please order your child's lunch via Hungry Minds prior to coming to school. <https://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/>
- A reminder that reading books and reading records are to be returned to school every Tuesday and new ones will be issued every Friday.
- As the weather is getting colder, winter P.E. kits should now be worn (black jogging bottoms and black jacket) and children need to bring a coat to school every day.
- Please ensure that all items of clothing are named. We have a growing collection of unnamed lost property in our UKS2 area!

## School Council

I would like to say a huge congratulations to our newly appointed School Councillors from all three classes. I hope you wear your badges with pride and enjoy your new role within school. It is a great achievement to have been elected. A huge thank you also to all the children who put themselves forward for the role.



## Children in Need 2021

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November it will be a non-uniform day for Children in Need, where children can either come in pyjamas (PJ's for Pudsey), or any other Children in Need merchandise. We just ask for children to be warm and still wear safe and appropriate shoes. Buckets will be on the playground if you would like to contribute to our Children in Need collection. Children will take part in an assembly in class and activities throughout the day.



## PSHE - Celebrating Differences

We will be discussing similarities and differences and understanding that for some people, being different is hard. We will talk about bullying and how people can have power over others. We will also discuss strategies for dealing with bullying issues.