



Thistle Hill Academy

Year 2 Class Newsletter, Term 1



Creative Curriculum Topic - The United Kingdom

This term our topic is 'The United Kingdom'. Throughout the term we will be looking at each of the four countries that make up the United Kingdom and their capital cities. Each week we will have the opportunity to experience a tradition from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, alongside getting to try some traditional food from each of these countries.

We will then be using maps and atlases to help us locate England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales and we will be looking at some of the great human and physical features that these four countries are famous for. Each week we will also be developing our D.T. skills to help us create a famous landmark from each country we learn about. To finish the topic, the children will be making some very exciting videos - we can't wait to share these with you, as well as all their fantastic learning, at our Fabulous Finish Parent Event!

Key Dates

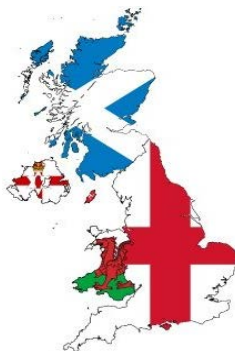
Roald Dahl Day
Friday 13th September

**KS1 Multi-Sports
Parent Event @
2pm**
Wednesday 2nd October

**Fabulous Finish
Parent Event**
Thursday 10th October

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be covering the following topics: • Number and Place Value • Addition • Subtraction. Number bonds to 10/20 and the 2, 5 and 10 times table knowledge will be a key focus throughout the year.



English

We will be linking our English writing with our topic. Our texts include: *Jack and the Beanstalk*, *Finn McCool* and *The Secret of the Kelpie*. We will also be developing our reading skills and spelling knowledge alongside our writing.

Some of our writing will include: • Character Descriptions • Setting Descriptions • Retells and adaptations of the stories.

Sentence structure, cursive handwriting and the spellings of high frequency and common exception words will be a key focus throughout Year 2

PE

Please ensure **PE kits are in school all week** as PE slots are subject to change.

This term in PE we will be focussing on Agility and Gymnastics.

This will include practising changing direction as well as working on our running, balancing and teamwork skills.

Science

This term in Science our topic is 'Living Things and Their Habitats'.

We will be learning about • classifying things as living, dead and never been alive • what animals we will find in different habitats and why • how different habitats provide for different animals and animal adaptations.

Reading

Reading is a key focus in year 2. Reading regularly at home is essential and will support your child's progress.

Reading Bookmarks - Remember to write in reading records, every time your child reads. This includes reading on Bug Club. **For every time your child reads, they will receive a sticker on their bookmark. When they have reached 30 stickers, they will get to choose a free book from Mrs Bevan!**

RE

In RE this term, we will be learning all about Judaism.

Computing

In Computing this term we will be looking at using the internet to search effectively. Alongside this, we will be looking at the importance of Online Safety.

Homework

Please note that English and Maths homework will be given out on a **Friday** and is **due in the following Thursday**.