

# Year 2's Newsletter : Autumn 2 2018

Welcome back to Year 2.

We hope you have enjoyed the week off and you are ready for the next half term. This half term we have lots of exciting events and topics ahead of us. Our new thematic topic is called "Beat Band Boogie" and it is all about big bands and marching bands. As usual if you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to come and see the Year 2 staff.

Boom, boom, boom parrup, bah-dum TISH!  
Here comes the marching band! Left, right,  
left, right... ATTENTION!

That sound is loud! That one's quiet... Shhh,  
listen up! What can you hear? There are sounds  
all around. What's making each one? Name all  
the instruments in the band and be part of a  
"body orchestra"! Pat your knees, clap your  
hands, tap your feet and move to the beat.

In Art and Design we will be learning to  
develop a wide range art and design techniques  
in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape,  
form and space.

In Geography we will be learning to use simple  
fieldwork and observational skills to study  
geography and we will be making simple maps  
and keys.

In Music we will learning to listen with  
concentration and understanding to a range of  
high quality live and recorded music.

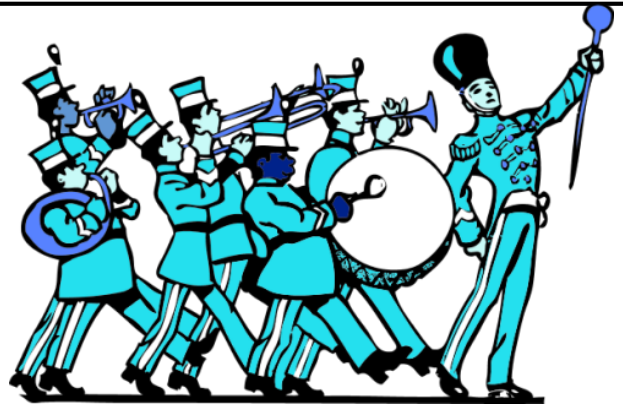
In computing we will learning about audio  
recording and using technology to create,  
organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital  
content.

## Dates for your diary

14<sup>th</sup> November- Junk Percussion Workshop

16<sup>th</sup> November- Cinema Visit

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December -KS1 Xmas  
Production



## P.E

We encourage all children to bring  
their full P.E kit into school on  
Monday and take it home on Friday.  
Your child's P.E kit should include  
dark bottoms, a plain white top,  
trainers or pumps and provisions for  
indoor or outdoor P.E in the colder  
weather.





## Literacy

In literacy this half term we will be concentrating on applying the knowledge of story elements, such as settings, dialogue, characterisation, story language and structures, to our own writing. The outcome of this is that pupils will write a retell of the traditional tale Aladdin. Children will also look at non fiction texts, identifying the structures of reports and writing one of their own.

## Numeracy

In numeracy this half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division. We will be using the repeated addition method to solve multiplication calculations and the repeated subtraction method to solve division calculations. We will be finding the capacity of different containers in standard units and learning how to measure different capacities accurately. There will also be a high focus on applying mathematical skills in a range of contexts and using the correct vocabulary when discussing different methods. Finally, the 2, 5 and 10 times tables will still be a large focus as it is a year 2 requirement by Christmas, so any help from home will be gratefully appreciated.

## Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message from last year is of course that 'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school ready to start their learning by 8.50am. It is extremely important leading up to SATs that children are in school every day!

## Homework

In Year 2, children are expected to develop some independent work skills. This includes reading (approx 10-15 minutes per night) We are trying to encourage a love of reading at County Bridge and would love you to share some of your favorite books, stories, poems etc with your child. Reading books will also be sent home from school & your child will have the opportunity to take a free choice book out from our school library.

Your child also has a Reading Journal - We encourage you to write in this book when you hear your child read. We would really love to create a dialogue between parents and school. Thanks.

Individual spellings will also be sent home. Your child is expected to learn their spellings by carrying out Look, Cover, Write & Check and then using the spellings in context by writing interesting and varied sentences. These spelling are essential for children to learn by Christmas!

Year 2 have also received their Topic Homework Challenges. It has been designed so that parents and children can work together on homework.

Homework is due back in school by Wednesday at 9am. This gives children an opportunity to speak to their teacher on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they don't understand.