



Bamburgh Class – Autumn Term 2

Dear Parents

We hope you have had a good half term break and are looking forward to starting another exciting term.

This half term our topic will be 'Across the USA'. In this topic we will explore the location of the USA within the continent of North America and consider, 'Is everywhere like Alnmouth?' During this term children will carry out a range of activities related to our topic across the curriculum. Please see our curriculum overview for further information.

As we approach this busy half term we will have many Christmas activities to look forward, here are some dates for your diary:

13 th November	INTO Film Festival at Lesbury Village Hall
12 th & 13 th December	'Born in a Barn' Christmas Performances
19 th December	Snow White at Alnwick Playhouse
20 th December	Stickman Christmas Beach School
22 nd December	Carols around the Christmas Tree

Phonics and Reading

Children will participate in daily sessions of phonics, guided reading and handwriting. We will share and listen to the following key texts this half term:

- Dogger by Shirley Hughes
- Can't Sleep Little Bear? by Martin Waddell,
- The Crow's Tale by Naomi Howarth
- 50 adventures 50 states by Kate Siber
- The Election by Eleanor Levenson
- Stickman by Julia Donaldson
- The Lonely Christmas Tree by Chris Naylor Ballesteros.

Reading Books

Your child will bring home two books a week. We ask that children read each book a minimum of two times, as rereading is an essential part of learning to read. Books will be changed on a Friday. After hearing your child read please tick the book list to show they have read their books. You may wish to add comments to your child's reading record as this helps us understand how pupils are getting on with their reading at home. We will also be using the reading records in school, and adults will use either an 'I read with an adult today' or an 'I've done guided reading today' stamp to keep them updated.

Homework and Spellings

Your child will have weekly spellings to learn at home linked to their phonics or common exception words. The spellings for Year 1 will be available on the school website and a paper copy of the spellings will also be sent home at the start of each term in your child's blue reading folder. Your child's log in for Spelling Shed will be put at the back of their reading record this term to help them practise their spellings regularly at home. The spelling shed website can be accessed using a computer, phone or tablet. We will have a spelling check this half term on a Friday.

You child will also be given a Numbots log in to so they can play maths games to help them understand, recall and develop fluency in mental addition and calculation, as they move from counting to calculating.

PE

PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday. In Year 1 we ask that children come to school in their PE kit on these days. We would also ask that your child's P.E. kit and school uniform items are **clearly named**, as we cannot return unnamed items.

Ways to help your child:

- Read stories to your child, to develop the love of reading.
- Listen to your child read on a daily basis.
- Help your child to learn all their phonic sounds.
- Carry out spelling activities and learn weekly spellings using Spelling Shed.
- Visit the library to look for books to support our topic.
- Play English and math games on our virtual learning environment at www.school360.co.uk.
- Encourage your child to play recall mental maths on Numbots (Y1)

We look forward to another fun filled term with new & exciting learning experiences.

Kind regards

Miss Richardson

