

# Slingsby Community Primary School Curriculum Newsletter summer 1

## 'Bolt Class'

### Events

- Scarecrow Festival & May Day celebrations.

### History – What was important to ancient Egyptians.

- Where and when ancient civilisations first appeared.
- Ask historically valid questions about sources.
- Explain why the River Nile was so important.
- Explain the importance of the Rosetta Stone.

### Science – Plants and plant reproduction

- Identify what plants need to grow healthily.
- Describe the structure and function of the parts of flowering plants.
- Investigate how plants transport water.
- Describe the life cycle of a flowering plant.
- Explain seed dispersal methods.

### English

#### Mystery and discovery

- **The Minpins – Roald Dahl**
- **Flotsam – David Wiesner**
- Character descriptions
- Postcards
- Own version adventure
- Danger posters
- Reports

### Maths

- Year 2 – Fractions, Time, Statistics
- Year 3 – Fractions, Money, Time

### Computing

- Data Handling Comparison

### Art / DT

- Craft and design – Ancient Egyptian scrolls
- Textile – Pouches - DT

### RE

- Expressing – How do people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate key festivals.

### PSHE

- Citizenship – Rights of the child, charity, local democracy.

### PE

- Rackets, bats and balls
- Gymnastics, Pathways



### Music

Jazz – Learning about Ragtime style music.

### French

French transport

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- Reading books will be changed on a regular basis, we do however, encourage as part of our Little Wandle Phonics that your child's book is read at least three times as this helps to build fluency as well as prosody (expression). I appreciate it can be tricky to fit this in, but please can you aim to listen to your child read three times a week and write in their reading record. Alternatively sharing a story can have such a beneficial impact and this is something we would actively encourage.
- Where possible please can you ensure your child has their reading book and record in school on a daily basis and their spelling and times table books on a Monday. We will work with you to encourage all children to bring these home from their drawers.
- The children in Bolt Class will be moving onto a Little Wandle reading scheme which is focussed on developing fluency for reading.
- Spellings will be given weekly and the children will have their tests on a Monday morning, in the event of a bank holiday the test will be on a Tuesday. Please can you encourage your child / children to practice their spellings and times tables. Spelling books will be handed back out on a Tuesday / Wednesday for the following week. A times table test takes place on a Monday after spellings and we ask that children get all times tables correct 3 times consecutively before moving up. We take this at a steady pace to ensure the times table facts are embedded.
- Children will require their P.E bags in school all week. PE sessions for Bolt Class will take place every Monday and Thursday. Children will need to ensure they have a PE jumper and have a cap and sun tan lotion as we will aim to be on the school field as much as possible.
- Dojo's will be given during the school day for positive praise and can be awarded for kindness, helping others, trying hard and making great choices with their learning and behaviour. These are then included in the house point total at the end of the week. Tokens can also be awarded for following the Slingsby values.
- Mrs Jordan will be covered for one afternoon a week to focus on her SENCO role, the class will be informed of when this is happening in advance and the class will be covered by Mr Smith, this will usually be on a Tuesday afternoon.