

# Year 2 Newsletter

## November-December 2014

**Literacy**— our first focus of the term will be a cross curricular history link to commemorate WW1. We will be writing a non-chronological report, writing diary entries and letters in the role of a soldier and will create and perform a news report. We will also be reading 'The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark' and will explore character and setting as well as changing an element of the story. Also we will be investigating poetry and will explore rhyme and rhyming couplets and will write our own poems

**Science— Materials Monster.** This term we will be: Classifying materials., investigating the properties of materials, changing materials by squashing, squeezing, stretching and identifying materials around the home. We will also be working with materials and discussing their use and why they are useful.

**PSHE**—the children will be learning about Relationships.

**RE**—the children will be learning about the Christmas story and the birth of Jesus.

**PE**—the children will be continuing with gymnastics and then practising the ball skills of dribbling, throwing and catching.

### Reading

Please try to read regularly at home, I cannot stress enough how important regular reading is. Also please use the reading support sheets that I handed out at parents evening when reading with your children as this will support their understanding of what they are reading.

**Numeracy**—we will start by using terms and vocabulary associated with position, direction and movement and will then measure lengths using uniform units, beginning to measure in centimetres and metres. We will then focus on problem solving and working with money—finding change and making coin values. Then we will be adding and subtracting 2 digit numbers and finding the difference between two numbers.

**History**—this term we will be commemorating WW1 and will be answering the questions: How is the war commemorated in Egremont? Where do people go to commemorate locally and nationally? We will also be learning about "Egremont's most famous airman" - a local study on Jack Blair who was awarded two special medals for his service.

**Art and Design**—the children will be continuing with observational drawings and self portraits. We will also be doing some collage work.

**ICT**—the children will be exploring how computer games work .

### Homework

This will be set every **MONDAY** and needs to be returned by the following **MONDAY**. All spellings will be assessed, but they will **not always** be assessed on Friday. Homework sent home directly links into the work the children are doing in class and it is important that it is completed to the highest standard possible in order to consolidate and extend children's learning.

### Homework

Thank you for all of the effort given to homework this term! Also I'd like to say thank you for helping your children create their magic beans, it has really helped support work in the classroom. Additionally, ensuring that children are using the same quality level of handwriting in their homework as they do in class is very important and thank you for your support with this.