



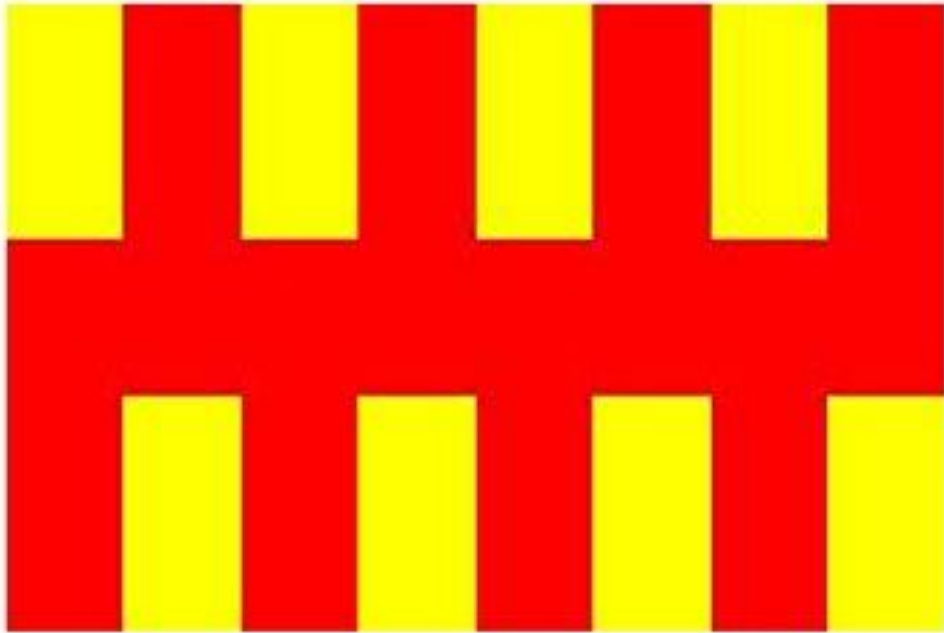
Broomhill First School



Welcome to the Seabirds Class Newsletter

Our topic for this half term is:

Northumberland



Summer Term 2 – June 2018

Mrs Preston

Maths

As mathematicians we will be:

- Using column addition to add 3 and 4 digit numbers. Year 4 will also be adding decimals
- Using decomposition to subtract numbers with up to 4 digits
- Practising formal written methods for multiplication and division.
- Using times table multiplication and division facts to solve problems
- Finding fractions of amounts
- Year 3 will be naming vertical, horizontal, diagonal, parallel and perpendicular lines
- Year 4 will be using coordinates to draw polygons

English

We will identify and learn the features of chronological reports. We will read about the life of Rosa Parks and write a newspaper report about her. We will also write a recount of our class trip to Brinkburn Priory.

As poets we will plan, create and perform our own imaginative poems concentrating on rhythm, rhyming patterns and syllable usage. We will learn about the nonsense verse of Edward Lear.

Science

As scientists we will be studying plants:

- Naming the parts of a plant
- Investigating what plants need to grow well
- Discovering how plants move water around themselves
- Understanding why flowers are important
- Naming the parts of a flower
- Looking at the lifecycle of a plant

Topic

As geographers and historians we will be:

- Learning about the Northumberland flag
- Looking at maps to see where the major towns are
- Naming some of the main rivers flowing through the county
- Discovering some of the history of the county and the Kingdom of Northumbria
- Exploring the location of some of the many castles

RE

We will be learning about what is a Saint and why people are made Saints, focussing on Saints local to the North East.

PSHE

We will be continuing our work on safety, looking at beach safety. We will also be learning about preparing for changes.

Computing

We will be:

- Refining our internet searching techniques to research Northumberland
- Using our skills in Word to produce a brochure advertising Northumberland

PE

Lessons will be on a Tuesday and a Friday.

We will be learning athletics skills and Kwik Cricket.

Children will need blue or black shorts, white T-shirt and sand shoes or trainers.

These need to be left in school and will be sent home on a half-termly basis for washing.

Art & Design Technology

As artists and designers we will be:

- Looking at the artwork of the Lindisfarne Gospels and creating an illuminated letter
- Examining the symbolism of a carpet page of the Lindisfarne gospels and using symbols to create our own Northumberland flag

Music

Mr Doyle, a specialist drumming teacher, will be coming in to teach Samba drumming.

Help your child at home this term by:

- Encouraging your child to be responsible for their own things and as independent as possible. Do they have their reading book and reading record in their bag? Have they taken out their earrings if it is a PE day?
- Encouraging them to remember to put letters, money envelopes etc. in the basket in the classroom.
- **Listening to your child read aloud as frequently as possible.** 5 minutes every day is more useful than a long reading session at a weekend but every little helps! Always initial their reading record and add an encouraging comment when you hear them read.
- Helping them to learn their times-tables ready for the Friday tables test. There will be one to learn each week.
- Encouraging them to look for patterns when learning their spellings and to use the "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check" method they use in class.
- Checking in their reading folders for any additional letters or school work.
- Library books are changed on a **Friday**, please remind your child to have their library book with them.

Spelling lists and times tables for homework will be sent home on a Friday to be learnt for a test the following Friday. Please support and encourage your child to practise these every day.



Water Bottles

Please bring water bottles in daily.

