

# Class 2

*The Bliss Charity School*



## Term 1 2023



Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to the start of another school year. I hope the beginning of the new term finds you all well and that you have had a fantastic time over the holidays. They have already had a great start to their time in Class 2!



### Term 1 Topic: *Dungeons and Dragons*



The children in Class 2 are going to begin the school year with an exciting topic entitled 'Dungeons and Dragons'. As part of this topic, we will delve back in our history to the medieval times. Throughout the term, the children will cover the key skills and objectives in the National Curriculum for English, History, Art, D & T and Dance.

The children will learn about the role of a monarch and explore why coronations take place. They will be given the opportunity to find out about the role of William the Conqueror during the Battle of Hastings and how the Bayeux Tapestry illustrates a very important piece of history. The class will then look at the history, developments and changes in castles over the years – especially those that were brought about by William the Conqueror. The children will also learn to identify features of a castle that would be effective when defending against attacks. All of their learning will then be deepened and enriched when they get to explore *Warwick Castle* later in the term.

Throughout the term, the children will develop their skills as an Artist as well as Design and Technologists. As Artists, they will be designing and creating castle clay tiles. During these lessons, the children will learn how to shape, join and smooth clay, before impressing objects into the surface of the tile. As Design and Technologists, the class will be creating a throne fit for a monarch. During these lessons, the children will explore a range of man-made and natural structures and identify features that make structures stable. They will then use this knowledge to design and create their own throne using a variety of construction techniques.

All of our English lessons will be linked to the main topic this term. The children will begin with some drama and creative writing about dragons. Throughout the rest of the term, they will have the opportunity to create instructional writing about the training of dragons, write medieval stories and recount about their class trip.

**We are excited to invite parents to our first 'Walk-in Wednesday' session on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023.** This will be an opportunity for you to support your child in designing their own medieval shield, whilst paying particular importance to the colours and symbols used.

The topic will then culminate in a medieval banquet, where the children will be invited to dress up and take part in traditional medieval festivities. On this day the children will be asked to dress up in a medieval costume, for example a princess, knight or king. Please let us know if you need help finding a costume as we do have a few costumes in class that could be borrowed. We will also be inviting parents in on this day to watch a class assembly. More details on this will be given out closer to the time.



There will continue to be a big focus on phonics this year. The children will continue to use the Read, Write Inc scheme and all children will take part in a daily 30 minute phonics and reading session. This will be in addition to guided reading sessions, which are designed to support the children with answering longer comprehension questions.

Maths:	This term, the children will be strengthening their understanding of place value.	RE:	In R.E, the class will be considering how, why and when we give thanks.
Computing:	The class will be exploring computing systems and networks during our computing lessons	Music:	Over the course of term, the children will be singing and performing songs from the British Isles.
PSHE:	In PSHE we will be learning about keeping ourselves safe and self-image in our online safety lesson.		

## Helping your child at home ...

There are several different ways that parents can support their children at home. The most effective way to support your child is to take the time to let them read their levelled school book to you regularly. Please record these reading sessions in your child's reading record. Children will receive awards if they read at least five times a week. The children will continue to have an extra Read, Write Inc reading book to read, which will be changed once a week.

In addition to reading, the children will also be given a list of five spelling words to learn every week. The spellings will be learnt throughout the week at school, but additional time learning these spellings at home will be beneficial to your child. The words will be tested the following Friday and results will be sent home.

The children will also take part in a times-table quiz every Friday. All of the children will start on their two times-table. If your child receives a score of 10 or above for two weeks in a row, they will be moved onto the next times-table.

## Class 2 information ...

Please can I ask that your child brings in a named pair of wellies or outdoor shoes in a carrier bag. This is to stop their school shoes getting muddy during our outdoor classroom session.

The children will need to wear their P.E kit to school every Monday and Tuesday. Please can you ensure that your child's P.E kit is named and in accordance with the school's uniform policy.

Key Dates:

Class 2 Parent Meeting - 13.9.23 at 3.30pm

Walk-in Wednesday - 20.9.23 at 9.00am

School Trip - 10.10.23

Class 2 Assembly - 19.10.23

Information about each of the above dates will be sent out separately.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to either email the school or come and see me at the end of the school day.

Mrs. Newton