

Happy New Year welcome back to 2018. This curriculum letter will give you an overview of this half terms learning.

English

This half term we will be using a Mexican Poem (from our Mexico Topic work) to support our Talk for Writing activities. We will also be reading the Magic Porridge Pot.



We are looking at traditional tales and fairy tales for language and repetition in the stories. We will continue to develop our skills at structuring a story. We will do this through drama, speaking and listening and imitating the story.

Please ensure you practice different spelling rules and alternative spellings. To support your child's learning at home.

Phonics and Guided Reading

The children will have an individual reading record where any reading at home or school can be recorded. Please practise at home and we will aim to change this book once it has been completed. Please remember to sign the reading record as this counts for our reading champions..

All children participate in daily phonics and will read with the LSA or Class teacher in a week. Books will be changed once a week but feel free to read anything you enjoy!



Year 1 phonics children will continue with phase 5 and will be working towards the phonics screening check in June. Lots of practice will take place in school. Please support your

children with this at home.

Maths

This term we will be looking at multiplication, developing our fluency in 2, 5 and 10 times tables; in order and out of order. We will also look at doubles, halves and odd and even numbers.



Other areas of maths we will cover are fractions $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{2}{3}$. We will be trying to locate these in shapes, amounts and objects. We will look at mass, temperature and capacity. Comparing these and reading scales. Place value, understanding and fluency with numbers will continue.

Times Tables

We have a booklet in school with all the 2, 5, 10 times tables in. We will be awarding a bronze, then silver, then gold sticker when your child can competently

say the times table all the way through. For instance 2s: $1 \times 2 = 2$ up to $12 \times 2 = 24$ once through would be a bronze award.

Science

This half term we will be learning about our basic needs for survival. What an animal needs to survive and how to keep healthy.

DT Cooking - Mexican dishes

We will be looking at different types of food from Mexico and will be making a choice of a type of food. We will plan, prepare and cook the dish.



Computing

We will be continuing to develop our basic skills using word documents, changing font, size and colour. As well as saving and retrieving documents. We will also be looking at algorithms and how to program

things to make them work.



We will be using the Scratch Programme on the I pads for further development. We will research information for our Mexico topic and use our skills to create a word or powerpoint document.

Geography

We will be looking at the country; Mexico and comparing this country to the UK. We will look at similarities and differences between the 2 countries.



RE

We will be looking at special places and the links between ourselves, Christians and Hindus.

History

We will be learning about famous, historical people. Ernest Shackleton is our first.

Music

We will learn about rhythm and pulse. A new song will be taught and how to improvise using instruments.

Physical Education.

Outdoor PE lessons, will be on Monday afternoons with Tom. Please have suitable clothes for indoor and outdoor PE. Wednesday morning Year 1 will be learning gymnastics.

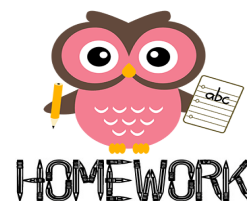


PSHCE

We will be learning about relationships and bullying.

Homework

Homework tasks will be sent out on a Friday - please hand them in again by Wednesday at the latest. Thank you. Please continue to read and practice spellings and times tables; 2, 3, 5, 10. Spellings are on a sheet and have the ones highlighted that were correct.



Mrs Miles and Mrs Austin.