

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you and your children had a wonderful festive break and are feeling refreshed, ready for the spring term!

We have lots of exciting new learning ahead of us which we are looking forward to.

As always, if you feel you need to discuss anything regarding your child's learning or school life, then please catch us at the end of the day or get in touch and we will arrange a time to see you.

We are always happy to help!

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Maths

In our Maths lessons this half-term, our learning will continue to focus on multiplication and division. This is a large unit that is the foundation for a lot of our mathematical topics. It would be helpful if you could support your child at home to learn their times tables **using Times Tables Rockstars**.

We will then begin a measurement unit where we will focus on length and perimeter.

Across our lessons, the children will be using concrete manipulatives (mathematical equipment), pictorial representations and abstract forms to help them understand and develop their learning.

English

Writing

We will continue with our BFG unit, where the children will be writing a recount in the form of a dairy entry, a new chapter, letter and their own fantasy narrative.

Spellings

Your child will continue to bring home a list on a Monday; spending some time with your child – including their Friday homework task - so they are ready for their test the following Monday is very much appreciated.

Whole class reading

We will be carrying out daily whole class reading sessions which will cover a range of text types, including: biographies, instructions, playscripts and poetry.

Reading at Home

To support your child's reading progress, please try and read with your child at least 3 times per week. Full Star Books loyalty cards = a possible prize each half term!

Science

This half term our unit is called 'Forces and Magnets'. We will be teaching them how to...

compare how things move on different surfaces; notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance; observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others; compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials; describe magnets as having two poles; predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.

Throughout this unit they will working scientifically to plan, carry out, record and present data.

Geography and History

This half-term, we will complete our geography 'Our Country' unit, before moving on to a history unit studying the impact of The Romans on Britain.

Children will learn:

- that Romans were invaders and settlers.
- that before the Roman invasion in AD43, Britain was ruled by tribes of people called the Celts.
- that the Romans' main goal was to make their empire as big and powerful as possible, building new roads and towns.
- ways in which the Romans have influenced our lives today.

Music

Our music work this half-term will focus on 'Rhythm'. Children will learn to:

- Maintain the pulse and rhythm using body percussion/instruments and know the difference between the two.
- Play rhythms on untuned percussion instruments by following graphic notation and simple standard notation.
- Comment on their own and other's performances.

Spanish

The children will finish their topic 'Meet and Greet' and start the next new topic 'The Body'.

Design and Technology (carried over from last half term)

Children will:

- learn about eating seasonally and explore fruits and vegetables grown both in the UK and overseas.
- design a nutritious seasonal pie.
- handle food and cooking tools safely as they follow a recipe to create a pie and evaluate the finished product.

PSHE

During this half term we will continue with our 'Health and Wellbeing' unit, focusing on resilience as well as diet and dental health. We will then start our next unit 'Safety and the Changing Body'. Here the children will learn to know that it is important to maintain the safety of their selves and others, before giving first aid. As well as learning the rules for being safe near roads.

PE

Children's weekly PE lessons will focus on improving their skills in the following areas:

Indoor athletics – performing a chest pass with control, coordinating a standing long jump, measure and record scores, and improve performance to produce a personal best.

Invasion Games (Quick Sticks hockey) – dribble and receiving the ball with control, pass the ball over long distances, tackling players and hit a stationary ball into a goal.

RE

This half term, the religion that we are focusing on is Judaism. In our topic 'What Matters to Jews?' children will:

- understand Shabbat and how Jewish people show their belief through this.
- know how and why many Jews mark Rosh Hashanah.
- know how and why many Jewish people might seek forgiveness and apologise at Yom Kippur
- know the story of Exodus.
- know how and why many Jewish people might celebrate Passover.
- know that the Commandments are important to Jewish people.

Computing

Our computing work this half term will focus on 'Coding'. Children will learn...

- To use timers successfully for a given purpose.
- To understand how to use the repeat command.
- To understand the importance of nesting.
- To design and create an interactive scene.

Our online safety theme will be 'Online Reputation, Copyright and Ownership'. We will also mark Safer Internet Day on 10th February.