

English:

English involves the development of speaking and listening, reading fluency, comprehension and writing skills. Children will have many opportunities to develop their reading and comprehension skills both in the classroom and during weekly guided reading sessions. They will also be able to apply their skills across other areas of the curriculum during their topic work. Over the course of the year, children will experience a range of narrative, non-fiction and poetry texts.

This half term, we intend to explore stories and non-fiction, and use vocabulary that is commonly found in traditional tales and instructions. Children are welcome to bring in books related to the topic.

You can find specific objectives for the half-term on your class page of the school website.

Mathematics:

In KS1, our aim is to ensure that pupils develop confidence and mental fluency with number, counting and place value. Our learning begins in a very practical way before moving to more formal methods. Children will also explore shapes, measurements, position and direction.

The children's ability to 'reason' will be developed throughout all of their mathematical work as they are encouraged to explain how they have reached solutions to problems.

This half term, we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, including applying these skills when working with money.

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Homework & Spellings

As we move towards a more digital way of working, and in order to reduce the number of items being transferred between home and school, **weekly tasks and spellings will now be detailed in the Home Learning section of our class page on the school website.**

Spellings: Spellings will be set and tested each Friday. Please encourage your child to practise these regularly – little and often is usually the most effective method for long-term learning.

Weekly Tasks: Each Friday, your child will be set a short homework task to be completed before the following Friday.

Mental Maths: Times tables and number facts will be tested on a weekly basis during Big Maths. Please practise these regularly with your child at home. By the end of year two, children are expected to know the number facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Reading: We are excited about our new online reading scheme. Details of this will be sent out separately. Guided Reading will also take place in the classroom under the direction of the class teacher.

Additional items in school

Each child has been provided with a stationery pack this year so please ensure that pencil cases and equipment remain at home; however, each child will need to bring a clean, named water bottle to school each day as we can no longer provide cups within classrooms.

Uniform

Please name everything! It's also very helpful if you could show your child where to find their name on their jumpers and cardigans.

