

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back after the half term holiday. We hope you all had a restful break and we are delighted to see the children back with the same enthusiasm for learning! Amazingly, we are over half way through this academic year, and once again, we would like to outline the curriculum for this half term.

We have three main mini topics we will be covering this half term, those being **"Peter and the Wolf"**, **"Plants and Growing"** and **"Easter"**

Thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs Bond and Mrs Clement

<p>English</p> 	<p>Our English lessons this half term will be closely linked to our topics. We will be using adjectives to describe the setting and characters in 'Peter and The Wolf'. We will also be retelling the story and using our imaginations to suggest alternative endings. Our parent assembly will take place this half term, so look out for your invitation! We will be performing our own retelling of the story. We will continue to focus on writing correctly punctuated sentences, remembering capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Developing a neat handwriting style and forming letters correctly also continues to be a focus. Finally, the children have daily phonics sessions which are a vital part of developing the skills and knowledge needed for reading and writing tasks.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>In Maths this half term, we will initially be working on multiplication and division. The children will be using a range of practical equipment to understand and solve simple calculations. They will also be applying this knowledge into different problem solving contexts. We will continue to work on our 'Learn Its' and to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Finally, the children will be introduced to fractions, again, using practical equipment.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Now we are in the Spring term, the children will be thinking about the seasonal changes that are happening at this time of year. In our science lessons the children will be learning about the conditions needed for plants to grow. We will be planting seeds and looking out for the first signs of growth. The children will be carrying out experiments to discover the conditions in which plants grow best.</p>
<p>ICT and Computing</p> 	<p>The children will be developing their typing skills using the BBC Dance Mat Typing - Level One programme, which has fun and interactive exercises to help with becoming more familiar with the location of keys on the keyboard. The children will also be discussing internet safety using the <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/">https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/</a> website.</p>

<p>Music</p> 	<p>This half term the children will be learning about the different instruments in the orchestra by listening to the story of "Peter and the Wolf" by Sergei Prokofiev. The children will be thinking about whether these instruments belong in the brass, woodwind, percussion or string sections of the orchestra, and how they represent each character in the story.</p>
<p>Art and Design Technology</p>	<p>In Design and Technology the children will be using the "Peter and the Wolf" music as a starting point to design and develop their own musical instruments.</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>The children have one indoor and one outdoor P.E. session a week. The indoor session will focus on developing fitness to music, and the children will develop their stamina and co-ordination by taking part in dance/aerobic sessions. The outdoor session will focus on developing skills used for netball, football and hockey. Please ensure that your child has a tracksuit (or similar warm clothing) and outdoor trainers for these sessions.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>This half term, the Religious Education focus will be "Easter". The children will be encouraged to think about how the church celebrates Easter, and explore the symbolism of the Easter Egg representing new life and change.</p>
<p>School Values</p> 	<p>Our School Value this half term is "Respect" and pupils will be thinking about how we can respect ourselves, others and our environment.</p> <p>The children will start to unpick the range of feelings they might experience in different situations and through discussion in Philosophy sessions and Circle Time, they will be encouraged to express their opinions and value each other's ideas.</p>
<p>Citizenship and Global Awareness</p> 	<p>At this time each year the children are encouraged to think about Fairtrade, and how we can help others in poorer countries by buying Fairtrade products. The children will be thinking about the range of fairtrade products available to buy, and how whole communities can benefit by paying farmers a fair price.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>The children will be locating where Fairtrade products come from on a World Map, and thinking about the journey these products have made in order to get into our shops.</p>
<p>Homework Ideas</p> 	<p>Here are some ideas to support your child at home in addition to the weekly spellings and Friday Challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily reading (school books or home books are fine)</li> <li>• Cooking (reading instructions, weighing and measuring)</li> <li>• Shopping (using coins and getting change)</li> <li>• Telling the time</li> <li>• Practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.</li> <li>• Keeping a diary/journal</li> </ul>