

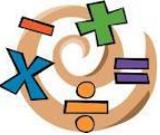
7th June 2018

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back for our final half term this academic year. It is good to see so many children wearing their summer uniform, and remembering to bring their water bottles and sunhats into school. We have lots of exciting learning and activities planned for the children, including the whole school themed week on the continent "Australia", Sports Day and our visit to The Beatrix Potter Attraction in Bowness. We also have our Key Stage One clubs running for 3 weeks and it is fantastic that so many children have wanted to take part in an extra curricular activity.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Leck

<p>English</p> 	<p>This term, our English lessons will focus on "Famous Local Authors" and we will begin by learning about William Wordsworth, becoming familiar with his famous poem, "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud". This will then lead into a unit on poetry in which the children will read a range of poems, identify their favourites and try to learn and recite one or two off by heart. We will be looking at rhymes, alliteration, tongue twisters and having a go at writing our own poems. We will also be enjoying the stories written by local authors Beatrix Potter and John Cunliffe (who wrote about Postman Pat and Rosie and Jim).</p> <p>This half term, we will be consolidating all the spelling, grammar and punctuation that has been introduced in Year 2. The children will be writing for a range of purposes which supports our topic work. They will be developing the skills of re-reading through their work and editing it in order to make it even better.</p>
<p>Mathematics</p> 	<p>We will start this half term by collecting, sorting and interpreting data. The children will practise using tally marks to collect their own data, showing their findings in graphs and tables. We will also be sorting information using Venn and Carroll diagrams. We will then move on to telling the time, and develop children's confidence recognising time in five minute intervals on both analogue and digital clocks. We will end the year by exploring the four operations and practise making calculations using 2 and 3 digit numbers.</p>
<p>Science</p> 	<p>In science, this half term, we will be continuing our materials unit. The children will be identifying different materials and thinking about their suitability for a range of different tasks. They will also be finding out how the shapes of some solid objects can be changed by twisting, stretching, squashing and bending. We will then move on to thinking about seasonal changes that happen in summer, and think carefully about how to keep safe in the sun.</p>
<p>ICT and Computing</p> 	<p>This half term, the children will be using the school iPads to research facts linked to our topics. We continue to remind the children about internet safety using the www.thinkuknow website and will be using the child friendly search engine "Kidrex". The children will also receive a series of KIDSAFE sessions led by Mrs Stearn, details of which have already been sent home to parents.</p>

<p>History</p> 	<p>Our history unit links in with our topic about "Famous Local Writers", and we will be learning lots of facts about two historical figures - William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter. We will be learning facts about where they lived and what they did.</p>
<p>Geography</p> 	<p>Our geography unit links to the whole school themed week on the continent "Australia". The children will be using atlases to locate this continent, and will be taking part in a range of exciting activities in order to appreciate the diversity, landscape and culture of this amazing continent.</p>
<p>Art and Design Technology</p>	<p>Our art sessions support our topics and will be incorporating a range of different skills. Our D.T. project links with our science work on materials and the children will be planning, making and evaluating a model boat. We will be getting out the water trays and testing which ones float and how much weight they can hold!</p>
<p>Music</p> 	<p>In our music unit entitled "Reflect, Rewind and Replay", the children will be listening to and appraising different genres of music. They will be making their own rainmakers and learning about the didgeridoo from Australia.</p>
<p>PE</p> 	<p>The children continue to have two P.E. sessions a week. The indoor sessions will focus on dance and the outdoor sessions will focus on developing outdoor games such as rounders, and athletics. We also have our Sports' Days to look forward to.</p>
<p>RE</p> 	<p>Our RE theme, this half term, will focus on the question, "How and why do different people pray?" The children will have the opportunity to write their own prayers and we hope that Rev. Jean Radley from St. George's Church will come into school to talk to the children about prayer.</p>
<p>Citizenship and Global Awareness</p> 	<p>This half term, the children will be learning about similarities and differences in people from different cultures. We will be recapping the five school values which are being resilient, resourceful, reflective, respectful and responsible. We will think of examples of how we can demonstrate these values in everyday life.</p>
<p>Educational Visits</p> 	<p>This half term, we will be taking the children to The Beatrix Potter Attraction in Bowness. This visit links with our topic about "Famous Local Authors", and the children will have the opportunity to look at the wonderful displays, go into Mr MacGregor's garden, enjoy the interactive room, visit the shop and enjoy the Beatrix Potter musical "Where is Peter Rabbit?" in the Old Laundry Theatre.</p>
<p>Homework Ideas</p> 	<p>Here are some ideas to support your child at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily reading (school books or home books are fine. Perhaps read some stories by Beatrix Potter or John Cunliffe) • Writing (shopping lists, invitations, letters, labels, stories, diaries) • Cooking (reading instructions, weighing and measuring) • Telling the time on digital or analogue clocks • Practising the 3x or 4x tables ready for Year 3 • Make a fact file about your favourite vehicle • Learn some french words in preparation for french lessons in Year 3.