

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the half term break and are ready for another busy term

Below I have outlined what we will be covering this term. Please do come and chat with me if you have any further questions

English EYFS	EYFS will be continuing their work with phonics daily using the Essential Letters and Sounds programme. We will use their phonics in writing this term with a focus on writing independent sentences. We will write postcards with descriptive sentences as well as some work responding to the weekly text.
English KS1	We will start the term with some focused practise and independent writing based on setting a scene and describing a character. Later in the term we will learn how to write a detailed and entertaining recount. We will continue to learn new grammar and punctuation skills including the use of commas in a list, using different sentence types and using time adverbials to structure our recounts
Maths EYFS	We will begin the term with a short topic on time , length, height, mass and capacity. We will then continue our Mastering Number Programme focusing on key skills in subitising (finding quantities to 5 without counting), memorising number bonds to 7.
Maths KS1	We will finish our unit on place value to 50 in the first week of term before moving on to units about measuring length, height, mass, volume and capacity. We will learn how to measure accurately and how to compare. We will finish the term with a week introducing the basis for multiplication.
History	In History this term we will be finding out about two important people : Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will be using a variety of sources to find out about their work and how they made an impact on our lives today.. In EYFS the focus will be on looking at People Who Help Us. We will look at the work of Florence Nightingale as well as looking at jobs such as the police, health care workers, firefighters.
Science	We will be looking at common plants and animals in our local area this term. The children will be taught how to identify and describe a variety of common plants and animals. We will also look at how the structures of fish, birds, amphibians and mammals are different to each other. EYFS children will focus on naming and describing some common plants and animals as well as developing detail in their observational drawings.
RSHE	We will be including a unit on growing and changing this term. We will look at how our bodies change as we grow. This unit will also include an important couple of lessons on safeguarding and how parts of bodies are private.
RE	We will be looking at why Easter is important to Christians. The children will be sequencing the Easter story and also looking at why hot cross buns and palm crosses have significance for Christians. At the end of term, the children will create their own Easter gardens.
Music	We will be completing a superheroes themed unit. The unit looks at tempo and pitch and the children will compose their own superhero music as part of this term's work.

Computing	We will completing a unit on making digital music this term. This will cover how we can make sounds using the 2Sequence software on Purple Mash. We will also cover how to add music to existing tunes as well as how to record and make our own music. Purple Mash can be accessed at home if your child would like to continue their learning at home.
PE	We will be focusing on Multi-skills and Tag Rugby this term
Art	Mrs Russell will be focusing on paper sculpture this term.

### Reading

Please continue to support your child's reading progress by sharing a bedtime story and hearing them read a section of their phonics book each day. Picture books may be borrowed for one week at a time from the classroom by agreement if this is helpful.

### Maths

Please support your child's confidence in Maths by practising the Key Instant Recall Facts ( KIRFS) which are sent home each term. Please come and ask if you are not sure about these.

### PE

Our PE sessions are for one hour on Tuesday Afternoon and Friday Morning . **Please ensure that your child comes into school on both days in school uniform.** We will change for PE in school on both days.

### Forest School

Forest School will continue to run on Wednesday afternoons. Please continue to supply **wellies** as the site is muddy and we do not have a school supply of wellies.

### Spare clothes

If your child has borrowed a spare set of joggers, underpants or socks because of an accident, please could you return them to school. We are down to our last pair of joggers. If your child has outgrown their joggers, we would appreciate these at school to replenish supplies. Many thanks.

With best wishes

Mrs Spring