

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all enjoyed the half term break and are ready for this short but busy Term 4 !

Below I have outlined what we will be covering this term. Please do come and chat to me with any 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. Year 2 will be challenged to produce and check their very best writing in order to build up evidence for their end of KS1 assessments in June.
Maths EYFS	We will begin the term with a short topic on time – describing and measuring the time in terms of days, hours, minutes and seconds. We will then move on to representing the numbers 9 and 10. We will learn some of the number bonds for 10 ( 2 numbers which add together to make 10). We will end the term with some work on 3D shape and repeating patterns.
Maths Year 1	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.
Maths Year 2	Year 2 have a very busy term fitting in all the maths we need before SATS – every lesson will be vital ! We begin the term with a short unit on length and height, learning how to measure, compare and complete problem solving questions involving length and height. We then move on to a unit on mass, capacity and temperature. Again we will be learning how to read scales accurately and using our skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in order to problem solve. We will end the term with a week on fractions which will be completed in Term 5.
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. We will finish the term with a drama / dance workshop ( alongside North Cerney children ) bringing our learning together. In EYFS the focus will be on recognising these people and describing their jobs. The EYFS children will be taught what a nurse is, where they work and why these ladies were important.
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. During this term we will take delivery of 10 hen eggs for two weeks. We will observe how they hatch and grow and use this as a stimulus for our work on animal and human lifecycles. 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	Mrs Davies 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	Mrs Davies 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 colour mixing skills and brush work as part of our unit on painting.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be set as needed. Well done to most of the children who have diligently completed their written homework as well as the set tasks on Mathletics. This is having a very beneficial effect on their retention of key facts in our daily lessons.

Please continue to hear your child read **every day if possible** . I hope that you are enjoying the **Sharing Stories** books sent home over half term. Please return in good condition each week so that your child may choose another book from the collection.

Maths continues to be set on Mathletics each week for children in Year 1 and Year 2. Please check that your child has completed all the activities set last term as some children are building up a backlog of activities. If you are having problems with this, please come and see me and we can sort out any issues.

### PE

We have completed our swimming commitment for this academic year. Therefore PE will return to 2 lessons a week, one on Thursday and one on Friday. **Please ensure that your child comes into school on both days in school uniform.** We will change for PE in school on both days. If you are able to take your child swimming at the weekend or holidays, this will be helpful in supporting their swimming development ready for September when we swim again.

With best wishes

Mrs Spring

