

Class 1 Spring (1) 2018

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Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. Please read on to find out what we will be learning about this half term and for some gentle reminders and any changes to our class routines.

Please continue to check for letters, the school website, Weekly Headteacher's Blog, Facebook and Twitter to keep updated.

Mrs Maule



Literacy

The children will progress through our Literacy programme – Read Write Inc (RWI), that teaches reading, writing and spelling. They will continue to learn new letter sounds which will help them to become fluent readers. They will explore different genres of writing including narrative and non-fiction



Maths

Year 1 children will learn to: find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of shapes, name and describe 2D shapes and 3D shapes, find 10 more/less than a 2-digit number, find doubles to double 20, order days of the week and months of the year, count in 10s from 10; find 10 more/less than a 2-digit number.

Year 2 children will learn to: find odd and even numbers, find $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of shapes, identify and describe common 2D and 3D shapes (faces, vertices and edges), use Venn and Carroll diagrams to sort objects and shapes, compare numbers using $<$ and $>$; round 2-digit numbers to nearest the multiple of 10, find doubles to double 20 and related halve.

Times tables (Y2)

Year 2 children will continue to have a weekly times table test as started last year. This test will be on a **Monday**. Year 1 children will start to learn times tables



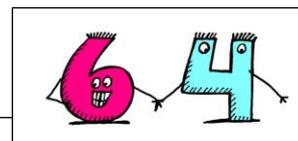
Reading

We will continue with our Guided Reading sessions whereby the children take it in turns to read aloud within the group. This provides a good opportunity for discussion around the text and a deeper understanding of what has been read.

As the children continue to move through the reading stages the text will become more challenging and the amount of text on each page will increase. As such do not feel that you should complete one text in the space of one evening if you do not feel this is appropriate for your child. **It is important that your child understands what they are reading so please do spend time asking them questions.** You can further help support your child's reading by focussing on reading with fluency (reading HFW automatically) and reading with expression.

Please note that whilst I try to read with the children on a set day each week this does not always happen. As I am sure you can appreciate there can be changes to our timetable due to various reasons.

Thank you.



Number bonds of 10 (Y1) and number bonds of 20 and 100 (Y2)

A number bond is a pair of numbers that add up to another number. Y1 children have already learned their number bonds of 5 and 10. For example, $1+9=10$, $2+8=10$, $3+7=10$. These number bonds are the foundation blocks your child needs to progress with maths. Please help your child to practise these important number facts at home. Please watch out for a number bond sheet in your child's homework book. Thank you.

Geography

We will use world maps, atlases and globes to help compare different animal groups and where they live. This will involve locating the world's seven continents and five oceans.



Computing

We will use technology purposefully to create, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital content. This will involve researching different animals.



***Please continue to help your child log into their School 360 account using their username and password details** (see homework book). It is very helpful if the children can log on independently when working in

Music

We will explore musical elements through our fun and exciting music scheme 'Charanga'.

Music unit: Rhythm in The Way/Banana Rap



PE

This half term Class 1 will be doing multi skills on a **Monday** afternoon. Please ensure your child is dressed in their school sports uniform on this day. On **Tuesday** afternoons, the children will be focussing on Dance. Please ensure your child brings their school sports uniform to change into on this day.

Outdoor Learning

Every Monday afternoon (after Willowburn) the children will participate in fun outdoor learning activities. **Please ensure that your child brings a coat and has a suitable pair of outdoor shoes or has wellies in school for these sessions.**



Science

Our topic is Living Things and their Habitats. This will involve learning about how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants and about simple food chains.

We will also learn about the changes across the seasons.



Art and DT

We will focus on our animal theme from Science. This will involve a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape and form. We will take inspiration from different artists such as Henri Matisse and Henri Rousseau.

RE

We will be learning about Chinese New Year and the festivals and celebrations of Islam.



Homework

Spelling homework will be given **every Friday**. The children will have a **spelling test** the following **Friday**.

These spellings will focus on a key sound/pattern each week. **Please spend some time discussing the spelling rules provided with your child so that they fully understand.**

Your child will bring these spellings home in their **Homework Book**. **Please keep this book in their book bag each day.**

Maths homework will continue to be given on School 360.

Thank you for your support.

Gentle reminders

Willowburn (multi skills) – Monday

P.E. – Tuesday

Times tables test – Monday (Y2 children)

Please ensure that your child has got both their reading book and reading record in their book bag each day.

Please ensure that your child brings a **labelled water bottle** to school each day.

Many thanks for all your help and support. If I can be of any further help please let me know. *Mrs Maule.*

