



Year 2 Spring 1 Half Term 2018

Happy New Year! Hope you all had a happy and peaceful Christmas! Thank you all for your generous gifts and well wishes, they are very much appreciated. Here is the outline of what your child will be learning about this half term.

Please continue to practise your child's basic skills in Maths, writing and regular fluent reading.

	Theme: Toy Story Children's Right Focus:
English	<p>In English this half-term, we are going to be covering writing in the following genres: Wanted Posters (headings, capital letters, exciting language) Riddles (rhyming words, question marks) Persuasive writing (sentence openers, conjunctions, giving reasons) Diaries (commas, different sentence types, first person) Letters (sentence openers, tense, different punctuation marks).</p> <p>I will really be looking for the children to consistently have correctly formed letters, finger spaces and all correct capital letters and full stops. This should now be a habit for the children so that we can be concentrating on including the different writing features at home, so please practise these basics as much as possible.</p>
Mathematics	<p>We are covering the following topics in Maths this half-term: Mass (measuring in g and kg) Temperature (reading scales and number lines, estimating) Word problems (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) 2D shapes (recognising, comparing and describing properties)</p> <p>It is great to do extra practise with these, but it is so important that continual practise of addition methods, subtraction, multiplication, division and word problems are done at home so that the children are retaining all of our previous and vital basic skill learning.</p>
Science	<p>Science will be covered by Mrs NGuzo on a Wednesday and will be based around 'Everyday Materials'. The children will be carrying out a range of experiments and will be discussing and discovering many different aspects of materials through independent learning. It would be great to explore the different materials you can find at home.</p>
Computing	<p>In Computing, we are continuing with presenting data and linking this to our theme and Mathematics. We will be creating a range of different graphs and exploring ways to collate data using the computers and iPads that we have in school.</p>

Art and D&T	Our theme is Toys, and through our theme we will be designing leaflets, designing and creating our own 'Woody'.
History and Geography	We will be using maps and learning about coordinates to find Lotso who has cheekily gone missing. We will also be looking at our local locational knowledge of Chester linking to our trip to Chester Zoo. Again, linking to both Georgraphy and History, we will be comparing Egypt to England (as Teddy went on a mini holiday).
RE	In RE, our unit this half-term is 'Jesus' and our learning will be based around the philosophical question 'Why do some people have religious rituals?' We will be exploring this question through discussion, explaining, sharing our opinions and thoughts and looking at Bible stories and Christian traditions.
PE	In PE, we are going to be focusing on both gymnastics and outdoor practical team building challenge activities! We will be looking at rolling, balancing, jumping, shape, travel and using apparatus. We will be completing outdoor challenges and map reading skills outside that we did not manage to complete due to the Christmas play.
Music	In Music, we will be having a big focus on rhythm and making different beats. We will be looking at the story from 'Toy Story' and thinking about what type of rhythm would suit that part of the story and why.
Homework	I will be sending out the number booklet with different pages to focus on over the next couple of weeks. I will also be sending out practice sheets for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. I will also be sending home the Year 2 spellings which I would appreciate if you could spend time learning to spell and write before the end of Spring.