



Welcome back for another half term of fun and excitement! The children have settled in fabulously and I am looking forward to an exciting half term ahead. We have loved spending time visiting Mayfield Care Home as part of the Intergenerational Linking Project and I'm sure the children have told you all about their fabulous visits. Our final visit is coming up soon, and the children are looking forward to having a special celebration to mark the end of a wonderful time spent together.

If you have any questions regarding your child, please get in touch.

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For changes in pick up/drop offs, medical appointments or absence, please phone or email the school office.

The Curriculum

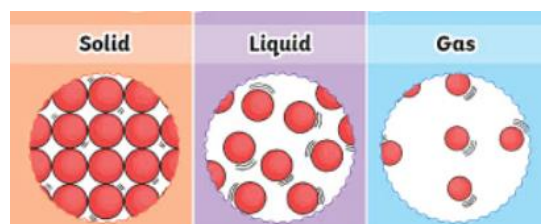
English

This half term we will be spending some time in the wizarding world as we look at our new text, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. We will be exploring non-fiction style writing, how to write descriptively using conjunctions, adverbs and prepositions before writing our own non-chronological report.



Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at multiplication and division in more detail. The children will be spending time looking at multiplying and dividing by 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12 as well as consolidating their previous facts. The children have now received their Times Table booklets and have begun working towards their bronze, silver and gold badges. As always, please encourage the children to keep their times table facts fresh by practicing on TT Rockstars. They should all have a username and password. Please let me know if they need a reminder.



Science

In Science we will then be looking at states of matter and finding out about solids, liquids and gases. The children will explore how materials can change state and investigate the processes of melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation.

History

We are continuing our history topic about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The children loved finding out about Anglo-Saxon and Viking life and where the Vikings originally came from, before getting their fearsome reputation as vicious raiders! We will be starting to look at Vikings mythology and their beliefs over the coming weeks.



Computing

We will be diving in to a new topic in computing and learning how to make our very own Quiz eBooks.

DT

In DT we will be looking at how we can design, prepare and evaluate making healthy food. We will be thinking about the principles of a healthy, balanced diet as well researching and investigating the best recipe we can find!

P.E.

Our P.E. days are Monday and Thursday. This half term the children will be developing their throwing and catching skills through dodgeball and enjoying the wonders of dance! Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Monday and Thursday mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

Home Learning

Home Learning will come out on Friday 12th September and will consist of the following:

- One weekly reading book
- One set of half termly optional maths tasks
- One set of half termly optional English tasks
- One termly home learning project.

Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on Monday. I will send children with one book for the week. Whilst I know many children are beginning to enjoy reading for pleasure by themselves, please keep encouraging them to read aloud to you. Children are welcome to record their own reading in their reading record. I love to hear what they have been enjoying!

Library

The children will visit the library on Monday and will be able to borrow one book per week. Year 1 are currently in residence in the Library, so our visits have been paused. In the meantime, the children are welcome to borrow books from our classroom library. Please encourage them to return them when they are finished.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 11th November – Parents Evening

Thursday 13th November – Parents Evening

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

Thursday 20th November – Christmas Art Day

Monday 1st December – Visit to St Johns Church

Wednesday 3rd December – PTA Film Night

Thursday 4th December – Rocksteady Concert for Parents

Tuesday 16th December – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

Christmas Bake Off Competition

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day