



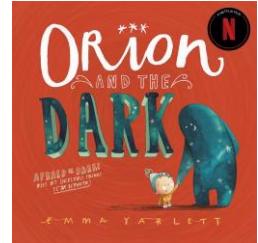
Happy new year! I hope that you have all had a relaxing break and a good Christmas. I have enjoyed hearing about what the children have been doing over their Christmas break. There's lots to look forward to this half term!

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

The Curriculum

English

This half term in English we will be reading *Orion and the Dark*. We will be working on our prediction and comprehension skills, then we will look at areas of the writing curriculum, with a focus on conjunctions.



Maths

We will start the half term by looking at shape, we will learn to recognise 2D and 3D shapes and look at their properties. Then, we will move onto looking at money, where we will learn how to add and subtract money and find change.



Science

This half term in science, we will be looking at plants. We will learn the names of different parts of a plant, what plants need to survive, and then we will conduct an investigation to see whether plants grow healthier in light or dark conditions.

Computing

In computing, we will be making our own stop motion animations using the 'I Can Animate' app. The children will think of an idea, create a story board, and then create their animations.



History

This half term, Year 1 and 2 will learn about the Great Fire of London as part of their history lessons. We will look at the following questions:



- What was London like in 1666?
- How did the Great Fire of London happen?
- What was the impact of the Great Fire of London?
- Who was Samuel Pepys?
- Was the Great Fire of London an accident?

On Friday 30th January the children will be taking part in their activity fund raiser for the Matthew Rusike Children's Home and School in Zimbabwe. We will send a separate letter about this event soon with all the information you need.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are **Wednesday** and **Friday** and will be held outside until the weather becomes colder. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Wednesday and Friday mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on **Tuesdays**. Please comment positively on your child's reading in their reading record at the end of each book they have read.

Library

The children will visit the library on **Tuesdays** and will be able to borrow one book per week. Please remember to return the library book with your child every **Tuesday**, so they are able to exchange it for a new book.

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

Saturday 17th January – Addingham Cross Country (KS2 only)

Thursday 22nd January NSPCC workshop

Wednesday 28th January – Young voices concert

Friday 30th January – Year 1 and 2 fundraising event for Zimbabwe

Saturday 31st January – Ashlands Cross Country