



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a very happy 2020! Thank you very much for all the lovely gifts that you kindly gave to us. We are looking forward to our Class Assembly on Friday 24th January where the children will be sharing some of their learning with you.

Thank you for your support ☺

Mrs Osborne (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Mrs Graham (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday)

READING FOCUS - Your support with reading is crucial as reading helps with everything; children's imagination, spelling, punctuation, grammar and maths problem solving!

- Please listen to your child read every night (even just for 5 minutes)
- Read to your child to model good reading and to also develop their listening and comprehension skills.
- ALWAYS talk to them about what they have read to develop their comprehension skills. Ask your child a variety of questions about what they have read using the reading prompt questions in the back of their homeschool link book. Please RECORD the question and what they have said in their homeschool link book.
- Continue to support your child with their spellings and phonics. These are crucial for decoding and reading longer and unfamiliar words.

MATHS FOCUS- We will be focusing on our Arithmetic skills this half term to help with the skills needed for Maths. Your support with the Number fact Rainbow challenge is really important this term so that they can apply the basic recall of facts to higher numbers and number problems.

We thank you for your continued support.

Our topic this half term is '*Once Upon A Time*'. This will be linked to:

English - We will begin by finding out 'How to trap a dragon' and will be writing instructions for 'How to trap the Big Bad Wolf!' We will be looking at the traditional fairy tale '*Cinderella*' and comparing it to the story '*Prince Cinders*'. We will then be writing our own Fairy Tale story in the style of Cinderella.

Maths - We will begin this half term by completing our multiplication and division unit by looking at sharing an amount for division. We will then look at arrays and how we can use these to help us with division statements.

Statistics We will be learning about data and how to make and interpret different diagrams and tally charts.

Geometry We will be working on recognising 2d and 3d shapes and learn about 2d shape properties.

Science - Uses of everyday materials

RE - Our topic is 'What is a Christian?' and 'Why did Jesus tell parables?' At the end of this half term we will be having a Music afternoon with a focus of songs from traditional stories.

Our PE lessons will continue to be on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** this half term. Please ensure that your child has their **full** PE Kit in school all week, including shorts and socks.

SATs

The children will complete the Year 2 'Standard Assessment Tests' (SATs) in May which covers:

- Reading
- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- Maths -Arithmetic and Reasoning and problem solving.

We will be sharing more information at our Year 2 SATs meeting. This will be on Tuesday 11th February at 2.30 pm. In the meantime, please continue to support your child with:

- **Reading** - listen to your child every night to help your child become a 'Star Reader' (read at least 4 times each week).
- Learning their weekly **spellings/phonics**
- **Maths game**
- **The Number Facts Rainbow Challenge** - this is to help your child develop their confidence and quick recall of number facts.

Occasionally we will send home a learning support slip with an area that your child needs to work on. Please support your child with this at home.

Please see the website for more details and the board outside the classroom which is updated weekly.

Thank you again for your continued support.