



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the school year. We are excited to be sharing details of what your children will be learning about this half term and look forward to working with you.

Attached are RKE sheets for science, art, history and RE. Please look through these with your child. The Remember section is what your child should remember based on previous work they have completed. If they are not sure, we will help them with some pre-teaching. This may include some work to do at home to ensure that they are ready to access their learning.

This half term our learning is looking exciting!

In Reading, we are using Little Wandle to practice using the sounds and tricky words covered in the lessons. Your child will bring home the same book we are using in class all week, with the expectation they will read this and discuss the questions with you, they will also bring home a book of their choice to share with an adult.

In Writing, we will start by looking at the story 'Colour Monster' and discussing wellbeing, creating a letter to a sad monster to cheer him up. We will then look at poetry, using the books 'Oi Frog' and 'Oi Dog', finishing by writing our own humorous poems.

Our maths will be focussing on place value, practising counting up and down, and sorting groups of items. We will also start to look at 2-digit numbers and how they are made from tens and ones. Later on in the term we will move onto adding and subtracting numbers within 10.

In Science, we are exploring our senses, discussing and labelling the parts of our body which carry out each role.

In Art we will be exploring printmaking, and looking at the different ways of mass producing a pattern. We will be learning about the designer Laura Ashley, and trying out different methods to produce our own designs.

Our History topic this term is all about toys. We will be discussing and exploring a range of toys from the past, and looking at the way these have changed over time. It would be wonderful if anyone had any old fashioned toys they could lend us.

In RE we are learning about the special celebrations that Christians and Jews take part in at this time of year. We will explore Yom Kippur, and Harvest, while also looking at the creation from a Christian view.

In computing we are learning to use the word processor, developing our typing and skills with caps lock and space bars.

Our PE days are Thursday and Friday and on these days your child should wear their PE uniform all day, have long hair tied back and they should not have any earrings in.

Recommended reading to support learning:

English	
Science	
Art	
History	
RE	

To support your child, the following vocabulary would be useful to understand:

Word	Definition
Material	What the toy is made from eg. plastic, wood, metal.
Electrical	Uses electricity to make it work.
Modern	A toy that was made recently
Ancient	Something that was made a very long time ago
Victorian	Anything that is Victorian was made when Queen Victoria was the queen. This is over 100 years ago
Collagraph	Different materials of various textures glued on to a printing plate.



Senses

Something that animals use to find out information about the world around them so they can survive.

We are excited to have a range of parental workshops this term:

Century Learning with Miss Stocker (for KS2) - Wednesday 21st September at 16:30

Phonics with Ms Ludlam (EYFS and KS1) – Wednesday 5th October at 16:30

Multiplication with Miss Mansell (for Y2-6) – Thursday 6th October at 16:30

Spelling with Miss Allen (for Y1-6) – Tuesday 18th October at 16:30

Comprehension with Mr Shaw (all years) – Thursday 24th November at 16:30

We hope to see you at some of these events where we will be explaining what we do to support learning in school and what you can do at home to help your child(ren).

Home learning each week includes:

- **Reading at least three times every week.** We have the online reading app for you to use to record reading at home, so you won't need to worry about finding a paper reading record. A letter detailing how to access this will be sent to you next week.
- **Times tables practice** for Y2-6. You can use your TTRS log in to support this, but our workshop will give you lots of practical strategies to help too.
- **Spellings** for Y2-6. Children will be tested on their spelling lists on a Monday and they will bring home their new spelling lists. Please help them to practice these using a range of ideas – you can find out more about spelling strategies at our spelling workshop.
- **Phonics** for EYFS and KS1 as well as any children receiving phonics interventions. You will be aware of the phase that your child is at based on their decodable phonics book – you will receive flash cards on a loan basis to rehearse sounds at home.
- Pre or post unit work may be issued if your child shows in their assessment that they have gaps in their knowledge. The RKE sheets that you receive show what they should remember based on previous learning. Looking at this together will help you to support them in remembering what they have learnt previously or to help them revisit it. The Knowledge section shows what the children should know by the end of the unit. The RKE sheets make what we are assessing against very clear and put you in a good position to help your children at home.

Kind regards,

Mrs Cooper