



Autumn 2019 2nd Half Term - Year 1

We hope you all had a restful half term break and are ready for the jam packed weeks leading up to Christmas. We certainly are! All of your children have returned to school eager to learn and it's lovely to see their smiling faces every morning. Team Enchantment have already started working on their Christmas production and we will inform you of any information in the coming weeks. This will include costume letters, lyrics to songs and lines to learn.

English

- ★ **Letter Writing:** We will begin this term looking at letter writing. We will be focussing on creative writing and the format of writing a letter, as well as continuing to focus on punctuation and grammar.
- ★ **Phonics** The children have daily Letterland phonics sessions to build on their knowledge. This term we will look at the 'split vowel digraph' or 'silent magic e' (a_e; e_e; i_e; o_e; u_e) words ending in '-ed'
- ★ **Spellings:** Weekly spelling quizzes will continue. Please use the spelling wall in your child's bag to see their focus spellings for that week - they will be circled. Any spellings they have correctly spelt in a previous spelling check will be coloured in. Please do not colour in this spelling wall at home.

Maths

- ★ **Addition and Subtraction:**
The children will be learning to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 10 and 20. They will read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs. They will use learnt strategies to add and subtract one digit numbers to 10, including zero.
- ★ **Place Value to 50**
We will be moving onto place value to 50 and counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. The children will look at splitting numbers into tens and units as well as holding bigger numbers in their heads in order to count on and back.

Topic Focus

Celebrate and Remember

- ★ **RE:** We will be looking at several different religious festivals including, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. The children will be learning about the stories linked to the festivals and the areas in the world where they originate and how they are celebrated.
- ★ **Geography:** We will be focusing on the 7 continents of the world. The children will look at the local cultures of many of these places too.
- ★ **Art/DT:** In Art the children will consider using chalk to create a firework picture and a Rangoli pattern. Jackson Pollock will be the inspiration for this piece and the children will spend time planning and creating their own version.

Team Enchantment reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child has their **full, labelled** PE kit for the term and that it stays in school. Some children received a letter before half term regarding kit. Please ensure that this is sorted before the end of the week.
PE days: Castle: Tuesday & Thursday **Meadow:** Tuesday and Wednesday **Treetops:** Tuesday & Thursday
Please make sure your child has a **coat** in school every day now that the weather has turned colder. It would help us if all hats, scarfs and gloves were labelled!
- ★ As a way of supporting the children in Key Stage One with their Phonics (the learning of sounds), Reading and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), we will be continuing a shared family Phonics and SPaG based session every Friday morning 8:50-9:10. The children will be able to apply their English knowledge in fun and vibrant ways and it will provide an opportunity for parents to pick up tips on how best to support their children's reading and writing at home.
- ★ Parents in Golden Time: 29th November 2019
- ★ Team Enchantment Christmas Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday 10th December
- ★ Team Enchantment Christmas Show: Wednesday 11th December
- ★ Christmas Pantomime: Monday 16th December – Please make sure you have paid for this on School Gateway

Many Thanks for your support ☺

Miss Wright (Team Leader), Miss Hughes and Mr Hickling