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# Spring 2023 1st Half Term- Year 1

We hope you all had a restful holiday and a wonderful Christmas. We are raring to get started with the new term and have got lots of exciting things planned for the children. All of your children have returned to school eager to learn and it's great to be greeted by their happy faces every morning. Team Parkland will begin a new topic on Medical Marvels which the children are already curious to learn more about.

# **English**

# **★** Sentence writing:

This term we will be focusing on writing 'good' sentences regularly in English lessons. We will be consolidating sounds taught in phonics lessons to write sentences about pictures. The children will also begin to write more creatively about the story 'The Firebird' by using adjectives to describe settings and characters.

Reading: The children will continue to read regularly in school during phonics lessons and guided reading sessions. Please continue to read with your child 4 times a week at home. They are making such good progress as a result of reading regularly.

- ★ Phonics: This term the children will continue to learn about the 'magic e' rule. They will also learn some alternative sounds that make the vowel sounds.
- ★ **Spelling:** We will continue to have weekly spelling quizzes. Please help your child to practise the words that are written in their blue books.

#### Maths

# **★** Addition and Subtraction:

We plan to spend the first few weeks of this term consolidating what the children have learnt about addition and subtraction to solve one step word problems and missing number problems. The children will be using physical resources to help them to answer these questions as well as their number knowledge of bonds and fact families.

#### **★** Multiplication and Division:

The last few weeks of this term will involve introducing the concept of multiplication and division through concepts such as doubling, halving and sharing. The children will again use physical resources to practise sharing, doubling and halving. They will be using what they know about the word 'equal' to ensure that they have answered questions correctly.



# **Foundation Subject focus areas**

# **★** Geography:

Europe, travel and looking at our closest European neighbours.

# **★** History:

Significant individuals who have been involved in changes to medicine such as Florence Nightingale, Edward Jenner and Mary Seacole.

## **★** Computing:

Programming and algorithms

#### ★ RE:

Christianity and Lent

#### ★ PE:

Dance

#### **★** PSHE:

Healthy and Happy Friendships

#### **★** Art Week focus:

Botanic art

#### **★** Science:

Seasons and Weather

#### ★ Music:

Pitch and Tempo

# **★** French:

Numbers, calendars and birthdays

Foundation Subject *big questions* can be found on the school website.

#### Team Enchantment reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled, it is much easier to return lost items if they are named. This includes school water bottles which every child is required to have in school daily.
- ★ Please make sure that your child's blue spellings book is in their book bag every day. This means that they are able to write new spellings in to practise at home which will help them to be successful in quizzes.
- ★ Reminder that we have our Phonics Fun sessions every Friday at drop off time until 8:55.

  PE days: Hazel: Monday and Wednesday Chestnut: Monday and Wednesday Alder: Monday and Wednesday

## Many thanks for your support

Miss Wright, Miss Browne and Miss Kearley