



Spring 2024 2nd Half Term- Year 1

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. As with every year, time is flying by and we are already half way through the year! We are eager to welcome the children back into the classrooms. This half term will be filled with more fun, we will enjoy another DT week and we have lots more to learn during our topic on Space

English

★ Non-Fiction writing:

We will tie in what the children are learning about in History which will enable them to gain a deeper knowledge of the significant historical individuals and events. The children will need to ensure that their writing is factual, descriptive and well structured. We will be looking at some examples of different non-fiction texts to show the children what they should be working towards.

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 learn the 'r' controlled vowels – 'er, ir, ar, or, ur'.

★ **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

★ Multiplication and Division:

The children have started learning about multiplication and division and really got to grips with doubling and halving. This term we will continue to use arrays to support the children with working out multiplication and division questions. We will look closely at making equal groups and sharing equally as well.

★ Measuring length and height

We will be learning about measuring with a focus on length and height. The children will use lots of language to compare such as, longer, shorter, taller, tallest, shortest.

★ Shape:

Towards the end of this term the children will be learning about 2d and 3d shapes. We will be encouraging the children to name shapes, explore their properties and recognise 2d and 3d shapes in the real world.

Foundation Subject focus areas

★ History:

This term we will continue to learn about a range of historical events that have taken place in Space. The children are developing a timeline in their classrooms and are beginning to get a good understanding of how space travel has come about.

★ Computing:

Bee bots

★ RE:

Christianity and Lent

★ PE:

Object control

★ PSHE:

Caring and Responsibilities

★ DT Week focus:

Structures

★ Science:

Everyday Materials

★ Music:

Vocal and body sounds

French:

In the classroom

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

Team Parkland 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.
- ★ We will have a 'Space' themed Day on 27th March.
- ★ DT week will take place: 18th March. Please send any newspapers into school.

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