



Spring 2026 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 Space which the children are already curious to learn more about.

English

★ **Poetry:** The children are really showing us how ready they are to write more extended pieces of writing, we are so proud of the progress they are making! This term we are going to be teaching the children about poetry. We will introduce them to a range of poets and look at different forms of poetry. We will be selecting poems that link to our Space topic.

★ **Phonics** The children will continue to have new sounds introduced each week which will now mainly be digraphs. There will be many opportunities to practise writing and reading these sounds in words.

★ **Spelling:** Please continue to practise spellings with your children at home. They need to be becoming more and more confident with spelling high frequency words correctly.

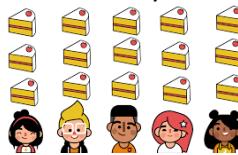
Maths

★ Money

We will be introducing the children to the coins and notes that they need to know. The children will be ordering the coins based on their value, learning about how amounts can be made of different amounts and completing addition and subtraction problems using money.

★ 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.



Topic Focus

Space

★ **History:** We will be focusing on significant people and events that occurred in relation to space. The children will learn about the timeline of events that lead to the first moon landing. This topic enables the children to learn about historical events from more recent times.

★ **Science:** In Science this term, the children will be learning about materials.

★ **Geography:** This topic will give the children the chance to learn more about the different seasons, where hot and cold areas are located on the globe and the seas surrounding the UK.

★ **RE:** The children will be learning about the religion of Islam.

★ **PSHE:** The children will learn about what makes healthy and happy family relationships.

Team Parkland reminders for this half term

- ★ **PE days: Chestnut: Tuesday and Thursday Alder: Tuesday and Wednesday**
- ★ Please ensure that your children come to school with a named school water bottle every day. They also need to have a coat and any other items you may wish to send to keep them warm in the colder weather. Everything sent into school must be labelled.
- ★ Grown-ups in Golden Time: 30th January
- ★ Art Week: Week commencing 2nd February

We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Miss Kearley and Mr Kitson