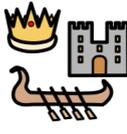




Mars Class

	<p>Teacher's Message</p>	<p>Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas together. This half term is already looking to be an exciting one and we can't wait to get started! Miss Davey will be continuing her teaching practice here with us for 4 more weeks.</p>
	<p>Homework</p>	<p>Reading: Reading will be our main focus for homework. Phonics groups: The children who are currently part of a phonics group should bring home a bookbag book which you can share together as it will be a new book. They should also bring home a smaller phonics book which they will have read 3 times within their group so should be familiar with. The children were assessed before the end of the year and know their groups for this half-term. Children on AR: Those children that are now reading AR (Accelerated Reader) books need to be reading at home and quizzing in school. Each morning, they will have the opportunity to quiz in school on a chrome book. Spellings: Phonics groups: Within the smaller phonics books that the children will bring home, it highlights (circles at the front) the sounds we are focusing on in class, the speedy green words and red words. Please look at these together. Children on AR and not in a phonics group: These children will receive weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar homework. This will be sent home on a Friday.</p>
	<p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>This week we will be beginning our new class read, 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith. I am sure the children will enjoy this children's classic.</p>
	<p>English</p>	<p>This half-term in English, we will be beginning a new unit of work based on the book, 'The Lion Inside'. This is a lovely book all about facing your fears. The children will be preparing to write a story about a small animal (mouse) who befriends a large animal in the African savannah.</p>

	<p>Maths</p>	<p>Year 1: In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be looking at addition and subtraction within 20 and beginning to learn about multiplication. Year 2: Year 2 will be focusing on money and multiplication and division. They all have a Times Tables Rock Star login which they came home with last half-term, this is a great way to learn times tables. If this has been misplaced, please let me know and I will let you know the login details.</p>
	<p>RE</p>	<p>In RE, we will be focusing on Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem. In this branch, pupils will experience the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings. They will learn about the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus.</p>
	<p>Science</p>	<p>In Science we are learning about everyday materials. The children will be thinking about what things are made from and how they are fit for purpose.</p>
	<p>Geography</p>	<p>Not a lead subject</p>
	<p>History</p>	<p>In History we will be learning how communication has changed throughout time. The children will begin by learning about early writing systems. They will then look at the inventions of telegraphs, morse code, the telephone and the world wide web.</p>
	<p>Art</p>	<p>In Art, the children will be using clay as a medium. During this unit the children will be recognising how some sculptures have a practical purpose while others are decorative.</p>
	<p>Design Technology</p>	<p>Not a lead subject</p>
	<p>PSHE</p>	<p>In PSHE we will be looking at Me, My Body, My Health which encourages children to celebrate similarities and differences between people, including our God-given bodies and the things they enable us to do! In addition to this we will also be thinking about emotional well-being, where children will meet presenters Zoe and Joey and fictional character Super Susie. They will help children to understand and articulate their own changing feelings and how other people's feelings might differ from theirs. Children will learn how they can manage their feelings and about the consequences of their actions.</p>
	<p>PE</p>	<p>The children will have two PE lessons a week and will need to make sure that they have their PE kits available in school. On Thursdays, PE will be with Miss Humphrey and the children will be focusing on fitness. On Fridays with Premier Sports, they will be taking part in some gymnastic activities.</p>

	Computing	Computing will be taught by Mr Hopkins this half-term. The children will be learning about programming and algorithms.																		
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