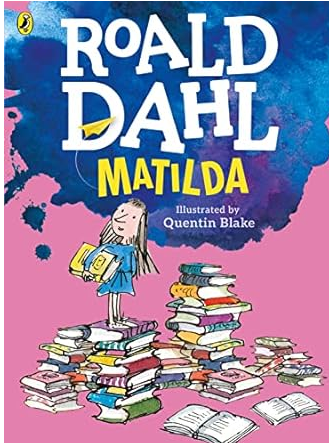
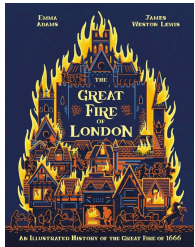
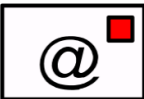




	Teacher's Message	Welcome back! I hope everyone has had a wonderful half-term break. We have a very busy and exciting half term ahead of us, including preparation for our Nativity with reception and the children in nursery.
	Homework	Reading: Reading will continue to be our main focus for homework. Phonics 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. 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.
	Reading for Pleasure	This half term as a class, we will be continuing our love of Roald Dahl books in Mars Class. We will be reading Matilda. Again, this is a fantastic book and I am sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy listening to it. 
	English	This half-term in English, we will be focusing on non-fiction. The children will be learning through an information book about the Great Fire of London in preparation for either writing a fact file about places in London or writing a fact sheet about London and the events of the fire. 

	Maths	Year 1: In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be looking at addition and subtraction within 10 and 2D and 3D shapes. Year 2: Year 2 will be looking at addition and subtraction and properties of shapes.
	RE	Prophecy and promise: In this branch, pupils will explore the Christian understanding of the teaching of the prophets as they point to the fulfilment of God's promise in a messiah, Jesus Christ. They will explore the expectant waiting for the Messiah through the Advent season and how this speaks to Christians today as they wait for Christ. Pupils will encounter the story of the nativity of Jesus and the mystery of the incarnation.
	Science	In Science this half-term, we are learning about seasonal changes. We will be describing seasonal changes, identifying signs of autumn and collecting weather data.
	Geography	In Geography this half-term, we will be thinking about our locality and where we live. The children will be using maps, thinking about physical and human features, giving and receiving directions and making their own treasure map.
	History	Not a lead subject
	Art	Not a lead subject
	Design Technology	In DT this half-term, we will be focusing on mechanisms. Oh no, it's Christmas Eve and Santa's reindeer have fallen asleep! Santa needs to finish delivering presents along this street so that everyone has presents for the morning. Can you design a sleigh that Santa can use to move along the street to deliver the last of the presents? The children will be designing and making a sleigh with wheels to help Santa.
	RSHE	In RSHE this half term, we will be learning about keeping safe on firework night, hazards in the home, medicines and taking care of our teeth. We will also be thinking about the power of kindness just before Christmas.
	PE	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 with a focus on multiskills. On Fridays, it will be with Premier Education focusing on hockey.
	Computing	During our computing lessons this half-term, the children will be developing mouse skills by learning how to log in and navigate around a computer while creating digital artwork. Computing will be with Mrs Emmerton on a Friday afternoon this half-term.

	Music	Although music will not be a lead subject, this will focus on our Nativity this half-term.					
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	Teacher contact:	Please come and see me if you have any worries or concerns. If this isn't possible then please contact me through Class Dojo. <i>Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30am - 3.15pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office office@olsp.uk during the school day.</i> <i>There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to email or class dojo messages received in the evenings or at the weekend.</i>					