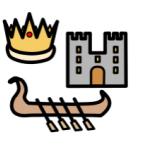
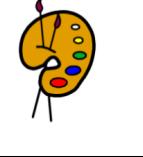
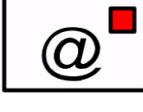




## Mars Class

	<b>Teacher's Message</b>	<p>Welcome back after the Christmas holidays, I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas. Happy New Year to you all!</p> <p>As always, we have a jam packed half-term ahead of us with lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children.</p>
	<b>Homework</b>	<p><b>Reading:</b> Reading will continue to be our main focus for homework.</p> <p><b>Phonics groups:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Children on AR:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Spellings:</b></p> <p><b>Phonics groups:</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Children on AR and not in a phonics group:</b> These children will receive weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar homework. This will be sent home on a Friday.</p>
	<b>Reading for Pleasure</b>	<p>This half term as a class, we will be reading 'The cat and the king' by Nick Sharratt.</p>
	<b>English</b>	<p>This half-term in English, we will be reading the story 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. The children will be working towards writing their own story based on the text, using their own ideas for a change of character and machine.</p>
	<b>Maths</b>	<p>Year 1: In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be looking at numbers to 20 and addition and subtraction.</p> <p>Year 2: Year 2 will be looking at money and multiplication and division.</p>

	<b>RE</b>	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.
	<b>Science</b>	In Science this half-term, we are learning about everyday materials. The children will be learning about the properties of different materials and describing these. They will also be investigating which materials would be the best to use to make a boat. This will include testing materials to see if our predictions were correct.
	<b>Geography</b>	In Geography this half-term, our topic will be 'Where we are'. The children will be learning about the UK. Whilst looking at the UK, we will be identifying rural, urban and coastal features and areas.
	<b>History</b>	Not a lead subject
	<b>Art</b>	In Art this half term, the children will be exploring different types of media to express themselves. Having learnt about the different types of media, the children will choose one to create their own self portrait. This will be taught by Mrs Emmerton on a Friday afternoon.
	<b>Design Technology</b>	Not a lead subject
	<b>RSHE</b>	In RSHE this half term, we will be following the Ten:Ten life to the full modules. We will be thinking about special people, treating others well, saying sorry, keeping safe, good secrets and bad secrets, physical contact, harmful substances and who can help me.
	<b>PE</b>	The children will have two PE lessons a week and will need to make sure that they have their PE kits available in school. Both PE lessons will be with Miss Humphrey this half-term.
	<b>Computing</b>	During our computing lessons this half-term, the children will be learning to explore commands, instructions and errors through the use of a Bee-Bot. This will be taught by Mr Hopkins on a Friday afternoon.
	<b>Music</b>	Not a lead subject
	<b>Teacher contact:</b>	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</i>

*contact is urgent please contact the school office [office@olsp.uk](mailto:office@olsp.uk) during the school day.*

*There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to email or class dojo messages received in the evenings or at the weekend.*