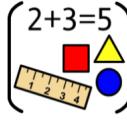
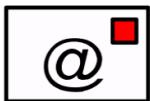




## Moons Class

	<b>Teacher's Message</b>	<p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>Welcome back to OLSP for the start of our (very chilly!) Spring term. We have lots of exciting topics planned for this half term as we start to observe some exciting seasonal changes and the return and growth of plants on our wider school grounds.</p>
	<b>Homework</b>	<p><b>Children starting in reception will not be bringing home phonics books until they have moved past learning their initial sounds.</b></p> <p>Some children will start to bring home reading or blending books this half term. All children will be bringing home an 'initial sounds' sheet within the next few weeks for you to practise at home. I will share some phonics videos on dojo that you can watch at home with your child to revise their sounds.</p> <p><b>Reading:</b> Reading will 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. The children were assessed before the end of the year and know their groups for this half-term.</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 a selection of wonderful stories together. These will include:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>When will it be Spring?</i> CATHERINE WALTER</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>The Smeds and the Smoos</i> JULIA DONALDSON &amp; AXEL SCHEFFLER</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>One Snowy Night</i> NICK BUTTERWORTH</p> </div> </div>

	<b>English</b>	<p>This half-term in English, we will be exploring our new book 'Naughty bus'! The children will be exploring maps and journeys and their outcome will be to make their own version of the text with some short sentences or captions.</p> <p>Children will still be focussing on using their initial phonics sounds to blend words together.</p> <p>We will also have a bigger focus on handwriting and pencil control this half term, as well as name writing.</p>
	<b>Maths</b>	<p>Reception: In Maths this half term, Reception will be making number bonds that add up to 5. Once this is secure, they will begin to look at number bonds to 10. As well as addition and subtraction, the children will learn about place value.</p>
	<b>RE</b>	<p>In RE, we will be beginning a new unit called 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. Children will learn about what it means to be Christian and follow Jesus. They will hear parables and teachings of Jesus whilst learning about his life.</p>
	<b>Science</b>	<p>In Science this half-term, we will be learning all about habitats of living things and how this links to seasonal changes. We will look for signs of new life in plants and minibeasts as we enter spring, and discuss what animals need to survive outside.</p>
	<b>Geography</b>	<p>This half term, we will be learning about celebrations all around the world. We will discuss how we celebrated Christmas in the UK and how this differs in other countries. We will learn about New Year celebrations and look at photos from around the world. At the very end of this half term, we will learn about Chinese New Year.</p>
	<b>History</b>	<p>Not a lead subject</p>
	<b>Creative arts</b>	<p>The children will be using different materials to make portraits of themselves and of family members.</p>
	<b>RSHE</b>	<p>In RSHE we will be learning about people that help us, such as emergency services, but also other careers. They will discuss their own career aspirations.</p> <p>We will continue to focus on learning about hygiene, hand washing and teethbrushing.</p>
	<b>PE</b>	<p>PE this half term will be held on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children will be focusing on turn taking, rule following and playing as part of a team. They will also learn about safety and balance.</p>
	<b>Music</b>	<p>In Music this term, the children will be singing and rhyming with Mrs Newton-Browne on Wednesday afternoons.</p>



**Teacher contact:**

Please come and see me if you have any worries or concerns. If this isn't possible then please contact us through Class Dojo.

*Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30am - 3.15pm. If your 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.*