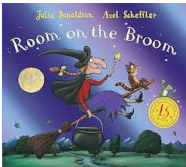
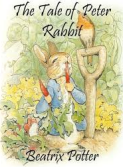
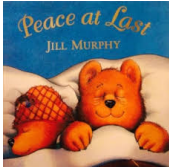
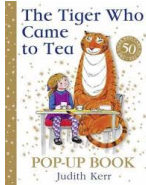




Mars Class

	Teacher's Message	Welcome back, I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer! We have an exciting half term ahead of us with lots of new learning opportunities. I can't wait to get to know all of our new children and see all of the children come together as a new class.
	Homework	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 off phonics: 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 reading a selection of wonderful stories together. These will include:     
	English	This half-term in English, we will be beginning a new unit of work based on the book, 'Meesha Makes Friends'. This is a lovely book about making and keeping friends. 
	Maths	Year 1: In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be looking at numbers to 10, part whole within 10 and addition within 10. Year 2: Year 2 will be looking at numbers to 100 and addition and subtraction.

	RE	In RE our topic will be, 'Creation and Covenant'. We will be thinking about how the world exists and how all that has come to be. They will learn about the Christian belief that all that exists comes from God, the Creator, who Christians call Father, and that this belief is found in Scripture and the prayers of the Catholic Church.
	Science	In Science this half-term, we are learning about animals including humans. This unit of work is visited twice throughout key stage 1, but the focus is different. During this unit, we will focus on different types of animals, their offspring and how they survive. We will also be learning about the importance of exercise and a balanced diet.
	Geography	Not a lead subject
	History	For our History we will be exploring how transport has changed over time. The children will be thinking about how travelling on water, in the air, on land and into space has developed and how this has changed people's lives.
	Art	In Art this half-term, the children will be focusing on colourful circles whilst learning about the artist Wassily Kandinsky. The children will be thinking about how Kandinsky used colour to express emotion.
	Design Technology	Not a lead subject
	PSHE	In PSHE this half term, we will be following our Ten:Ten, Life to the Full programme. Over five lessons, children will hear and experience the Gospel story of Jesus welcoming little children to Him in spite of others telling them to stay away. The story will be repeated in various ways, and through times of discussion, imaginative reflection and creative response, children will learn that they are created by God out of love and for love.
	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 and the children will be focusing on fundamentals. On Fridays with Premier Sports, they will be improving their ball skills.
	Computing	During our computing lessons this half-term, the children will be learning about computing systems and networks with Mr Hopkins. The children will be thinking about what a computer is and how inputs and outputs work. They will also be considering how computers are used in the wider world.
	Music	Not a lead subject



**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.

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.

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