

BURNING BRIGHTLY IN CLASS 1

Maths

This half term in maths we will be focusing on addition and subtraction to numbers within 20, using a variety of methods to add and subtract. We will also begin to look at place value to 50.



Children in Reception will continue to learn in depth about numbers to 10 and being to learn beyond. We will be looking at a given number and finding one more and one less. We will also be doing addition and subtraction with numbers to 10, including money.

History

This half term children will be learning about events beyond living memory, we will be exploring in depth about the Great Fire of London.



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Reception: Why are some things special?

Children will look special stories and explore what special messages we learn from stories.

Year 1: What do some people do when they believe in God?

Children will be exploring what communities do when they believe in God.

English

This half term in English our focus texts will be fantasy stories. Children will continue to explore the structure of stories, as well as the language and vocabulary that the author has used. The children will be looking at character profiles and planning and writing their own. We will also be planning and writing our own diary entries towards the end of the half term.



Phonics

Children will have daily phonics lessons in class in which they will learn new sounds and spelling rules. We will practise reading and writing them through games, songs and activities and children are encouraged to apply their learning in written work in class through the use of sound mats.



Reading

Children will bring reading books home which they will have the opportunity to change:

Reception, twice weekly - Monday and Wednesday. Year 1, Three times weekly - Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

In class we will aim to read one to one with children at least once a week. As well as this, reading will also be incorporated into our other lessons across the curriculum.



<p><u>Design Technology</u></p> <p>This half term children will be exploring and using mechanisms such as leavers and pop ups to create models.</p>	<p><u>Handwriting</u></p> <p>We will practise handwriting in specific lessons and discretely through other areas of the curriculum.</p>
<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>This half term we will be using our voices expressively- singing songs, speaking chants and rhymes. As well as learning a variety of songs through other areas of the curriculum to aid our learning.</p>	<p><u>PE</u></p> <p>Our PE lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons. This half term will be Dance. Please ensure children have their PE kits in school.</p> 
<p><u>PSHE</u></p> <p>'Don't Rub it in, Rub it out'</p> <p>Children will be learning how to process negative emotions and choosing forgiveness.</p> 	<p><u>Computing</u></p> <p>Children will learn about Computer Science and begin to understand that programs respond to different kinds of inputs.</p>
<p><u>How you can help at home</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading at home with your child can really help their confidence when reading aloud. Whether it be their reading book from school, books or magazines around the home or helping read a recipe when cooking, every little helps! Reading to your child can also help develop their comprehension and enjoyment of reading. You can discuss the stories, what they think might happen next, link events to personal experiences and talk about their favourite characters. • Spellings will be brought home weekly every Friday and children will be tested on them the following Friday. The words sent home will be linked to those learnt in phonics lessons the previous week. • Homework is an opportunity for children to share the skills and knowledge they have learnt in school with you at home and to practise their skills. The tasks will be in a 'Pick 'N' Mix' format and relate to our topic. The red tasks should be completed weekly and children should choose 5 of the green tasks to complete over the half term. Any completed homework can be brought in on Fridays and we will share it in class. • Children will be given their own log in information (stuck in back of reading record) for Mathletics and Spelling Shed which they can access at home. These websites will have a variety of set tasks for children to complete. Other useful websites: <p>www.teachyourmonstertoread.com</p> <p>www.phonicsplay.com</p> <p>www.phonicsbloom.com</p> <p>www.topmarks.co.uk</p> <p>www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</p>	

