



AutumnTerm 2015

First Half

We hope that this overview of this half term's topics will provide you with ideas of how to help your child with their learning.

If you have any questions, please pop in to see one of us!

This half term our main topic will be:

'Once upon a time.....'

We will be learning about many of our favourite authors and covering a wide range of activities.

You can help at home by:

- Reading stories by Roald Dahl and Julia Donaldson.
- Encouraging your child to talk about the stories - What is their favourite part? Who is their favourite character and why? Can they retell the story by using the pictures!
- Visiting the library to look for different stories by the same author, such as Allan Ahlberg - perhaps you might find an alternative version of the story!

In Science we will be carrying out a variety of investigations linked to different materials and their properties.

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?ca>

In History we will:

- Look at changes over the year.
- Life in Stuart Times and the Great Plague.
- Use Historical sources to find out about Samuel Pepys, his diary, life and events including The Great Fire of London.

Interactive resources are available on

<http://education.scholastic.co.uk/resources/92796>.

<http://www.everyschool.co.uk/history-key-stage-1-fire-of-london.html>

In Art we will be exploring the style and the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo and Quentin Blake.

<http://www.tes.co.uk/teaching-resource/ART-Fruit-Faces-Work-of-Giuseppe-Arcimboldo-6098125/>

<http://www.quentinblake.com/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlQQpG2-1vU>

In Computing we will be using the internet to research The Great Fire of London and different lives of artists

We will be using the turtle on **Jit** to plan routes.

You can access this from home by logging onto RM Unify.
(See school website.)

Please access RM unify 'Think-You Know...' CEOP to support your child to keep safe on the internet.

In Maths the children will continue to work on number, calculations, shape, money and measures.

The new National Curriculum in Mathematics demands that Key Stage One children are able to tell the time using an analogue clock at o'clock, half past, quarter past and to the hour and five minute intervals. This is a life skill which needs to be used daily in school and at home. Please can we encourage children to wear an analogue watch not digital.

Through RM unify the children can access their own independent maths activities using **RM Easimaths**. They can use their own log in to access this.

In addition to this you can help by:

- Playing board games such as 'Snakes and Ladders' - encouraging your child to count on and back correctly. Use two dice and add the numbers together first.
- Playing dominoes - adding spots, finding doubles.
- Adding coins when out shopping - 1p, 2p, 5p and 10p.
- Try counting in twos, threes, fours, fives and tens!
- Practising 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables.



To help with **reading** and **writing**:

- Read with your child **every day** and discuss the story and asking questions.
- Build sentences using key words and write them down using a capital letter and full stop.
- Write stories, lists or birthday cards together.
- Help your children with their weekly phonics homework

PE Days.

1K Monday and Tuesday

1/2M Monday Thursday

2K Tuesday and Friday

Please make sure that your child has their P.E. kit and reading bag in school everyday. Thank you.

Thanks for your continued help and support.



Staffing in Key Stage One.

1K Mr Kendrick (Friday taught by Mrs Masters)
Mrs Pope, Mrs Jones and Miss Bradbury are the
Teacher Assistants,

1/2M Mrs Marsh (Wednesdays taught by
Mrs Masters)
Mrs Walker and Mrs Owen are the Teacher Assistants.

2K Mrs Kettle. (Thursdays taught by Mrs Masters)
Mrs Smith and Miss Mellor are the Teacher Assistants.