

## English

This term the children will be reading 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French and writing stories based on this. They will also be writing their own information texts linked to fruits and vegetables. We are focusing on handwriting, phonics, finger spaces and punctuation. The children will be practising writing simple sentences, as well as extending their writing by using adjectives and conjunctions.

Please look out for the Big Write notes which your children will bring home. Discussing these with your children will hugely help them when it comes to independently writing.

In the lead up to Christmas children will be reading Lost in the Toy Museum by David Lucas.

## Maths

The children will begin the year in maths with a unit on place value. Children will be counting, reading and writing numbers forwards and backwards to 100. The unit also covers partitioning numbers into tens and ones (or chips and peas as we sometimes call it) and comparing numbers and objects using words such as greater than or less than and equal to. The symbols < > and = will also be introduced.

The rest of the term focusses on addition and subtraction. The part whole model is used to support learning about fact families and number bonds.

## Topic

This term the children will be thinking about what makes a home. They will start with looking at some homes around the UK before looking at a variety of homes around the world, including a tipi and an igloo. The children will then compare these homes with ones in our local area. They will be learning about what a continent is and what the 7 continents are called.

## PE and Swimming

In PE the children will be focusing on ball skills such as throwing, catching, kicking and rolling. They will practise these through playing a variety of games. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please let an adult in school know. Swimming starts on Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. Please make sure your child has their swimming kit ready.

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## Science

In science, the children will be learning to identify and compare different building materials and find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed.

## PSHE

Our units this term are 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

## Computing

This term the children will be learning and using skills to create, organise, save, manipulate and retrieve digital content on laptops. They will then move onto programming using Espresso Coding and Beebots.

## Reading Awards

The children will work towards their reading awards by reading with an adult. To help your child to achieve their awards, please sign their record after each read.

## RE

Our unit this term is 'Who is a Muslim and how do they live?' We will be learning to identify some of the key Muslim beliefs about God.

**If any parents or grandparents would like to help by listening to children read or coming in occasionally to help support children with for example art or DT projects, please let us know. We would greatly appreciate the support.**

**Mrs Mitchell usually walks down the hill on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs West on a Thursday and Friday should you like to talk.**

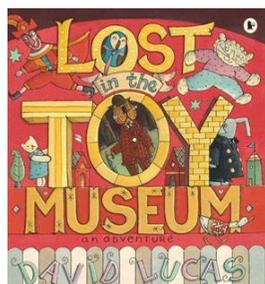
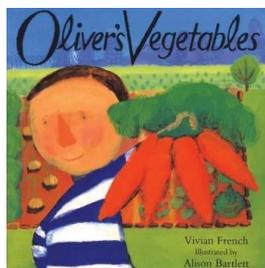
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Below are the key texts we will be using in English. Both are available to purchase on Amazon should you wish to support your child further at home.



## Year 1 and 2 Homework

One bingo box a week – please see the front of your child's **BLUE** homework book for more information. There is the expectation that children will complete their homework and hand their homework book in every **Wednesday**.

Read at home regularly. Reading **most nights** (even for five minutes) will help your child to become the best reader they can be!

Practise the weekly spellings from their **BLUE** spelling book using the games on Spelling Shed. Your child will have a spelling test every **Monday** afternoon based on these spellings only. Login is in the front of the spelling book.

Practise reading and writing phonic word spellings from their **RED** phonics books.

Practise reading the tricky words (words that can't be sounded out using phonics) from their **tricky word tin**.

Big Write notes are sent home 2 out of 3 weeks on a **Wednesday** to help prepare the child to write on a **Friday**, please discuss these with your child.

Children will be given a topic-based project to complete towards the end of each term. This is an opportunity for children to apply their topic learning to a fun project where they can be as creative as they wish.

**Year 2 only** will be using Times Table Rockstars to practise times tables. Login can be found in the front of the homework book. **NOTE: By end of Y2 children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables fluently.**

## Ways to help at home:

1. Help them to complete their homework and take pride in what they produce. It is important that children complete their homework on time as it gives the opportunity to consolidate what they have learnt in class.
2. Read with them as often as possible and ask them questions.
3. Ask them what they have done at school and discuss it (hopefully they won't say, "Nothing!").
4. Correct their speech if they say things incorrectly.
5. Spot and discuss words, numbers and shapes in signs/shops/clocks when out and about.
6. Challenge them to find the prices and add up shopping items.
7. Play board games and card games to learn the values of sharing, co-operation and problem solving.
8. Help them become as independent as possible by encouraging them to dress themselves.

Here is a selection of educational maths games and songs;

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8>

<http://www.primarygames.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/kids-activities/fun-maths-games->