



14 January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We trust you had an enjoyable holiday and look forward to the term ahead.

These are the areas we will be learning about this half term.

In Maths we will be learning about:

Number: Multiplication and Division

- We will be able to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers
- We will be able to calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals (=) signs
- We will be able to show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of one number by another cannot
- We will be able to solve problems involving multiplication and division, using materials, arrays, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts.

We will also be learning Fractions:

- We will be able to recognise, find, name and write fractions $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity
- We will be able to write simple fractions for example, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3 and recognise the equivalence of $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$.

In Literacy we will be reading:

The Dark by Lemony Snickett. We will be describing the dark using adjectives, expanded noun phrases and personification. We will also explore persuasive language to write a letter to Lazlo (the main character).

The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson. We will be re-writing the story, focusing on story language and choosing a sea creature to explore and write a non-chronological report.

In addition to this, we will read *The diary of a Killer Cat* by Anne Fine. The children will learn about describing a character using adjectives and descriptive language to create a wanted poster.

Our IPC Topic is 'People of the Past' which has a strong History focus. The children will be learning:

- About significant people of the past such as Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole, Picasso, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela.
- Identify the way hospitals and medicine have changed over time
- To make comparisons between hospitals now and long ago
- To think about their own dreams and aspirations
- As Chinese New year falls within this term we will also discuss the Chinese New year story.

In Science , the children will be focusing on 'Animals and their habitat'.

- We will collect natural resources from the local woods to make a bug hotel
- We will research habitats
- We will learn about which animals survive and how they adapt to their habitats

In PE, we will start *Gymnastics* and multi skills (Outdoor - Wednesday & Indoor Thursday - Weather and hall space permitting.)

We are looking forward to lots of new and exciting learning, as well as building on the skills we have already gained.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Mclagan & Miss Rapley