

Dear parents/carers,

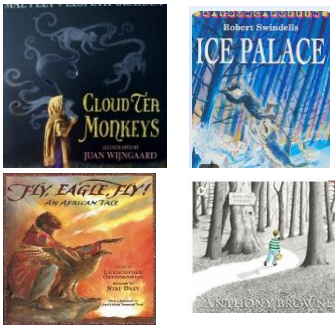
Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a restful break and are ready for another packed half term of new learning and experiences!

In reading: children will continue to develop their fluency and comprehension skills to become confident and independent readers. Children can take books home to read and change them as and when they need to. Everything has been placed into their home learning book should still be brought to school daily.

Please continue to read with your child daily and ask them questions related to the text.

Maths: This half term, we will focus on **multiplication and division**. The children will learn their 3, 4 and 8-time tables. We will learn how to multiply 1, 2 and 3-digit numbers using written formal methods to calculate. By the end of the term, we will be learning about **statistics**.

English Texts:



English

This half term, we will focus on developing children's writing skills through narrative, character and setting description. We will also learn how to write non-chronological reports.

Geography/History

In geographical we will study the human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom and compare it to a region in a European country.

On the second half term, our history topic will be the **Ancient Civilisations**. The children will begin to understand that a timeline can be divided into BC/AD or BCE/CE. Use a timeline to place historical events in chronological order.

PE & Outdoor Learning

This half term, children will be swimming on Wednesday and having a PE lesson on Friday. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their correct PE kit on these days and their **swimming equipment for Wednesday**. See letter for more details.

ICT: This term, we will be learning about:

Sequencing Sounds

- To explore a new programming environment
- To identify that commands have an outcome

Branching Databases

- To create questions with yes/no answers
- To identify the attributes needed to collect data about an object.

Science

Our topic this half term will be **forces and magnets**. We will work scientifically to identify when and how forces work and differentiate between a push and a pull. We will also learn about the properties of magnet and use magnets to investigate how they attract some objects and not others.

Music

We will be learning:
Djembe drumming
Garage Band- music technology

Art and DT

As artists, we will be exploring colour and how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours. To investigate the style, pattern and characteristics of Ancient Civilisation.

In DT, we will learn about Mechanisms and make linkages, pulleys, toys and moving parts.

RE

We will be focusing on **Easter**. How does a leader inspire? Explain what a leader is. Identify the significant leaders of each religion and give some facts about them and their life.