

Welcome to the New Year!

Science

Our Science Topics are Electricity and How plants grow and again we will be learning about these in blocked themes after half term. How circuits and switches work will come alive as the children design and make their own torches. Theory will become practice.

Geography

This is a wonderful topic, which will link to our Literacy, Art and RE. The unit is based on a photo pack produced by Action Aid about the village of Chembakolli in India. (www.chembakolli.com) The children will develop the key geographical concepts of location, connections, similarity and difference, place and the environment. We hope to have an India day during which a representative from Action Aid will come and talk to us. In Literacy we will read stories from another culture, including Grandpa Chatterji by Jamila Gavin. We will also be finding out how to write non fiction reports. The children will be conducting their own research about animals and might like to link it to an animal from the Indian subcontinent. In art we will compare our own landscape with that of Chembakolli but also send a copy of the View from our Window to our new pen friends in Switzerland.



What can parents do?

Thank you for your support last term - it made all the difference. Personal research before and during ½ term will require support and encouragement. The library and the Internet are both great sources of information. If your children are using the internet, can I please encourage you to edit the information they find and wish to bring to school.

Maths

Maths continues with a particular emphasis on developing written methods for calculating. It would be really helpful if you could talk time this term and support some folk reading minutes past and to the hour.

We hope this is helpful.

Looking forward to seeing you in the class or after school

Mrs Berry & Mrs Rogers

Homework

Homework sheets will still be given out on a Thursday and due in by the following Wednesday. Please come in and see us if there is any problem. Before and during half term they will link to personal research about animals.

Book bags

Please can book bags be brought into school each day. Children can change a book whenever they like but their reading targets are written into their journals on a Tuesday or Thursday.

Spellings

Spellings are given out on a Monday and tested on a Friday

PE

Your child will need an outdoor kit every Wednesday - a change this term and an indoor kit for gym on Friday.

PSHCE will focus on strategies for friendship and how to react when children witness friendship difficulties in others.