

## Dates for your diary

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

May Bank Holiday

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Finish for half term

Please feel free to drop me an email if you have any questions or book an appointment to see me after school

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With best wishes,

Mrs Obertelli and Mrs Price

# Year 1

Our topic is

Spring



Summer Term 1 2017

## Class News

A warm welcome back after the Easter holidays.

Reading books will continue to be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and weekly spellings will continue. An overview of the spellings for this half term has been sent home with this booklet and the yellow spelling books will continue to be sent home each Wednesday along with the blue homework folder. The children are now expected to take their reading books out of their bags along with spellings / homework books on the appropriate days. They are then able to choose their next reading book with adult support. Independence is a crucial skill for the children to develop throughout Year 1.

## Spring

The topic this half term is Spring. We will be finding out about the signs of Spring and other seasonal changes. We will be creating artwork, writing poems and listening to the music of Vivaldi. Within this topic we will be looking at human and physical features of our local area and developing our map skills.

## English

During this half term we will be learning about traditional rhymes and traditional tales, focussing on Jack and the Beanstalk. As with our other English units the main focus is to remind children the importance of capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will also be learning how to expand our sentences with conjunctions and use adjectives in our writing. We encourage the children to think of their sentence, say their sentence and then write it down to help develop their independent writing.

## Maths

We will be focussing on number and place value this half term. We will be learning about multiplication and addition as well as problem solving.

## Science

This half term we will start our new topic on Plants. The children will be learning about different plants, trees and flowers and what is needed for them to survive. We will develop our scientific enquiry skills through observation and investigation.

## R.E.

In R.E. we will be learning about Judaism.

## P.E.

Our focus in P.E. will be on athletics. The children will be given the opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills and a range of opportunities to extend their agility, balance and coordination.

## Music

Using the Music Express Scheme, we will focus on use of voice, playing instruments, listening to live and recorded music, as well as experimenting, creating, selecting and combining sounds.

## Homework

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Wednesday to be tested the following Monday. Please ensure the yellow books are returned to school each Monday to be updated with the next list. An additional piece of homework will also be sent home each week. This will be a variety of tasks including phonics and maths.

## Reading

Please read with your child as often as possible. If they have a larger reading book this does not need to be completed for each book changing day. It can be kept for a longer period to ensure they get the most from it. Please use the book band bookmarks to help ask questions about their book. In school the children will read to an adult once a week. There are other opportunities for the children to read through guided reading and reading comprehension exercises.