

## Year 1 - Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

### Maths

We will be practising recognition of ODD and EVEN numbers, using dominoes and sorting by their total number of spots. We will be introducing FRACTIONS this week and discussing that a fraction is part of a whole - using chocolate to demonstrate! We will be learning about half and how this is the creation of 2 equal groups - then practising finding half using paper shapes, colouring shapes and using objects to find half of numbers.

### English

We will be continuing with 'Talk for Writing' to retell our 'George and the Dragon' story, with actions, as a class. We will be exploring the main characters through drama, asking the dragon questions, writing a book review of the story and sequencing the story using pictures. Guided Reading will resume as normal as will daily phonics sessions - some children have moved groups. We are also having a big focus on HANDWRITING this half term.

### Theme

Although Dragon Week is over, we will continue with our dragon theme and begin to incorporate 'Fire' too. This week we will be learning about the city of London and some of its famous landmarks in preparation for learning about the Great Fire. We will be constructing Big Ben and other famous buildings. We will be creating dragon and fire art work for a display. We will be exploring fire music, for example Katy Perry's 'Fireworks' and learning 'London's Burning' as a round - this may take a while! We will be discussing 'Anti-Bullying Week' on Tuesday afternoon and learning about being a good friend. **This week I am sending home our Nativity Play CD for your child to practise the songs at home. We will be performing 'Our Very Own Nativity' with Reception class - our class will be the choir, sign holders and narrators. Reception will be the 'nativity' characters. Please practise lots!**

### Extras

French will be on Friday with Madame Wardle. P.E is now on a Wednesday and a Friday. I am out all day Thursday this week which means I am in school on Friday. I am looking forward to the celebration assembly! Miss Burn will be teaching on Thursday morning and there will be a supply teacher in the afternoon because Miss Burn is needed elsewhere.

#### Homework Challenge:

Don't forget to use Active Learn! Your homework this week is to practise the Nativity songs on the CD provided and have another look at Active Learn. I've assigned some new homework on here.

**Phonics Focus** This week: Miss Burn's group has some new members so are having a recap of the first few weeks of Phase 5. Mrs Boon's group are focussing on reading and writing simple sentences and recognising / spelling high frequency and tricky words. Our 'Word of the Week' is away.