

## Year 1 - Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Maths

This week, we will be continuing our learning about numbers and place value. We will be focusing on numbers to 100 and how they are made up, which numbers are greater and smaller and why, by looking at the tens and ones (units). We will be using apparatus to support place value learning, including 10p and 1p coins, and recording numbers on lines (tens) and dots (ones). We will also be learning about 1 and 10 more and less and looking closely at 100 squares.

### English

We are beginning a new unit of work based on the book 'Mr Wolf and the Enormous Turnip'. We will be predicting what we think the story is about using the front cover, writing character profiles of Mr Wolf, hot-seating Mr Wolf and enjoying reading the story. Guided Reading will resume as normal. Miss Burn and I have swapped phonics groups but the groups and learning will continue as normal. Spellings will be sent home on Monday.

### Theme

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas and had a good rest as we are going to be very busy as always this term. Our new theme is 'Growth and Green Fingers' which is mainly based on Science about plants and trees. We will be growing seeds and exploring various trees and plants. We hope to use the school polytunnel to support this. This week, we will be revisiting what we already know about how things grow and labelling a flower (roots, soil, stem, leaf, flower). We will be outdoors exploring the plants and trees that are alive in the winter. We will use a computer simulation of a plant to see if we can make it grow. We will also be looking at the work of famous artists such as Monet who painted flowers and plants. Later in the half term, we will be designing and making a fruit based snack. We also hope to grow cress and carrots or similar.

### Extras

French will be on Friday with Madame Wardle. P.E is on **Wednesday (with me or Phil) and Thursday (with Miss Burn)**. I am out of class on Friday as usual this week and Thursday afternoon for my PPA. Miss Burn will be teaching, with Mrs Greenwood to support. We are also very pleased to have Mrs Ashley supporting us on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. She will mostly be working on interventions in English and Maths. **You will also see Mr Bailey, our student teacher, around this half term as he will be doing some of the teaching.**

### Homework Challenge:

**There are lots of new Maths and reading activities on Active Learn - please try to log on this week.** Username = first four letters of your child's first and surname e.g. nicoboon and password = ironkid.

**Phonics Focus** This week: Miss Burn's group are learning about spelling polysyllabic phonic words. Mrs Boon's group are focusing on different pronunciations of ow and u and learning about homographs such as ow (row/row and bow/bow). Our 'Word of the Week' is *one*.