

Year 1 - Week Commencing 19th February 2018

Maths

This week, we are beginning to learn about division. Firstly, we are exploring halving and dividing by 2 and linking to previous doubles work. Then we will be exploring division in two main ways: by sharing using objects and then by grouping using objects / pictures. Division by sharing is best explained using sweets and making sure everyone has the same number so it's fair! Division by grouping is where you take the starting number and create groups e.g. 30 divided by 5 - split 30 objects into groups of 5 in each. How many groups are there?

English

We are beginning a new unit of work this week, Traditional Tales. Mr Bailey will be teaching this first week and I will take over from next week. The tale we have chosen is Rumpelstiltskin. This week we will be getting to know the story, exploring the main characters through drama and role play, discussing our likes and dislikes about the story, predicting what might happen next as we read and generally enjoying the story.

Theme

We will be beginning our new theme this week: Family Album. We begin with a History session, discussing how humans change over time and how we have changed since we were babies. We will then be learning about some of the significant events that have happened in our lifetimes (the past 5-6 years) and ordering these events e.g. the birth of Prince George, the London Olympics, Teresa May becoming Prime Minister. We will also be continuing our learning about the Hindu faith in R.E. In PSHE, we begin a new theme centred on raising awareness of Disability. This week, we will be discussing whether we think everyone in the world is the same and why not? In Geography, we will begin a unit of work all about the UK and the countries in the UK.

Extras

WELCOME BACK - I hope you have all had a lovely half term holiday! This half term is only 5 weeks again so we will be very busy. French will be on **Tuesdays** now with Madame Wardle. P.E is on **Thursday (with Miss Burn) and Friday (with Phil)**. **There a quite a few children with either missing P.E kit or no kit in school. PLEASE check your child's kit and send the correct items to school for Thursday.** I am out of class on Friday as usual this week. Miss Burn will be teaching, with Mrs Greenwood to support. **Mrs Greenwood will now be working in class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays which is great news for us! This week is Mr Bailey's final week with us.**

Homework Challenge:

Find and print a baby photo / family photo and talk about these with your parents. Create a simple family tree to show who is in your family (we will also be doing a similar thing in school but practising at home first will help).

Phonics Focus This week: Mrs Boon/ Miss Burn's group are reading and writing sentences at Phase 3, focusing on sh, ch and th. Mrs Greenwood's group are focusing on the different pronunciation of ey and different spellings of ch and j. Mr Bailey's group are continuing Phase 4. Our 'Word of the Week' is oh.