

## English

In English this topic we will be looking at traditional tales and overcoming the monster stories. We will look at Little Red Riding Hood, Billy Goats Gruff and Jack and the Beanstalk.

We will be looking at the structure of these stories and how they are the same and how they are different.

We are continuing to develop our writing skills by:

- Leaving spaces between words
- Sounding out words when spelling
- Punctuating sentences using a capital letter and a full stop
- Using a capital letter for I and names
- Joining words and clauses with **and** & **because**.

## Reading, Phonics and Spelling

We are now learning lots of new phase 5 sounds in our phonics lessons and working on spotting those in our reading. We are also working on reading compound words by splitting them up, eg, Snowball snow-ball.

It is very important that your child is read with at least 3 times a week in order to embed the learning done in school. If this is not possible at home, please let us know so we can read with your child more often at school.

## Stay and Learn:

We will be having our stay and learn on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

We will also be having a meeting for parents on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30. This meeting will cover the important aspects of phonics and reading in Year 1 and will explain the Year 1 phonics screening check and how you can help at home. This will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about it.



Learning in Malala Class  
Spring 1 2020  
**Topic: What is in the forest?**

## Topic

Our topic this half term is What is in the forest?

This topic will focus on different forests around the world, trees and nature. Our key question this half term is:

### **Do all forests look the same?**

We will be asking children what they want to know about forests and nature and be using these questions to look at nature in art, science, geography and history.

If you have any pictures of your child in a forest or wood or have been on holiday to any interesting forests then please send them in.

## Science

This topic in science we will be learning about seasonal changes and the structure of a tree.

We will look at how trees change throughout the year and the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees.

We will also look at trees and learn to name and identify parts of a tree.

We will also look at seasonal fruits and why some fruit is better in different seasons.

## Art & Design

In art and design this half term we will be looking at the artist William Morris. We will be taking inspiration from his nature themed printing work and creating our own print blocks and printed pictures. We will design, make and evaluate these products and offer an opportunity to show our creations in our class art gallery.



## **R.E**

Our question in R.E this term is 'Who is Jewish and what do they believe?'. We will be looking at the special days and festivals in Judaism and what they believe. We will also be looking at Jewish teachings and linking this to the way Jewish people live. We will also be taking a visit to the local Synagogue.

## **P.E.**

P.E will be taught on a Thursday Morning this half term. We will be learning throwing and catching skills and beginning to play some games of netball. Please ensure your child has a full P.E kit with indoor and outdoor shoes as the weather is currently quite unpredictable!

## **Other class news**

Our class novel this half term is Matilda by Roald Dahl. The children are loving the story so far and we would like to show them the film when we have finished reading. As this film is a PG, we will need permission from a parent or guardian to watch this in school. Please could you reply to the message on Class Dojo or let one of us know whether you consent to your child watching this film in school. Thank you in advance.

As always, any queries or concerns you may have, please just catch us at the start or end of the day or make an appointment at the office. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Maths**

This half term we will be covering addition and subtraction to 10 and 20, place value to 20 and multiplication and division. As always, this will be covered using resources and concrete materials in order to secure understanding.

Each day we will be having a maths meeting in order to practice our number bonds, number facts and counting. Please take any opportunity you can to count with your child and practice these facts.



## **Homework**

Your child will be sent home on a Monday with a homework file. This file will contain a weekly sheet of spellings to practice along with some number facts to learn. This should be completed through the week and returned on Fridays. We will be testing these spellings each week on a Friday and the number facts will be tested once each half term.

Please could you also indicate whether your child has read at home on this sheet if you are not writing in their reading record.

**Miss Denley, Mrs Murrie and the KS1 and EYFS team.**