

**P2B Termly Update
Session 2016-2017
Term 4**

Class News

Welcome back to another busy, fun-filled term! I trust that you had a good break. This term we have lots to look forward to. As well as Sports Day and the Open Afternoon, we will also be having an assembly, a visit from the Critter Man and a costume Ugly Bug Ball, further details to follow. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is any matter which you would like to discuss. It would be very helpful if each child could bring in a jam jar with a lid this term for an Art Project. Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Timetable

Monday	Literacy, Maths, Magic Writing, Topic and Library
Tuesday	Science Specialist, Mental Maths, Literacy, Topic and OTTER Clubs
Wednesday	Language, Maths, PE Specialist and Art
Thursday	PE, Maths, Literacy, Assembly, Circle Time and Mindfulness
Friday	Literacy, Maths, ICT, Drama/RME and Music

This Term's Learning

Literacy and English...

I have been so impressed with the progress that the class made in their Literacy work. We will carry on with a Magic Writing slot every week. We'll also build up grammar knowledge, looking at sentences, nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. The class will be focussing on dictionary skills and starting to use punctuation. We will continue with our new sounds and tricky words each week which you will see in homework. In reading, we are looking at using expression in our reading and also 'having a go' at sounding out new words. We are going to carry on with comprehension activities and discussion about our reading books and we have a new class novel to start, Charlotte's Web.

Mathematics...

We will be learning about fractions with lots of practical activities finding halves and quarters of shapes and numbers. We will also do some work on directions and position using programmable toys and our friends to give directions to! We still have some number work to complete and groups will be working on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will revisit odd and even numbers and look at 10 more and less again in our hundred square games. Each week, we will have a Mental Maths to reinforce these skills.

Across the Curriculum...

This term our topic is My Wonderful Garden and the class have got a lot of ideas about things they would like to do. We are going to look at plant life cycles and will be growing potatoes and strawberries, as well as carrying out experiments to try to find out what makes plants grow, and what doesn't! We are going to look at the art work of Van Gogh and Steven Brown and create our own interpretations. Our role play area is being turned into a Garden Centre, where we will have both a shop and café. We're hoping that the weather will be kind to us so that we can go on bug hunts in our wildlife garden and make new bug hotels to attract new residents. We will be looking at the journeys that food makes and will be following some Scottish strawberries from being grown to being eaten. We are also going to learn all about bees and watch the life cycle of a butterfly. In Literacy, we will write up our experiments and write poems and stories about mini-beasts.

Home Learning Arrangements

Homework will continue to be handed out on a Monday, to be handed in on Thursday. Thank you all for your support with homework last term.

Class Notes

Please ensure that your child has both an indoor and outdoor PE kit at school and that children have tape to cover earrings if they need it.