



Dear Parents / Carers

We would like to begin by thanking all those parents who offered or helped with school visits, administration support, in lessons and class parties last term. Without your help these opportunities would not be afforded to the children.

We shall be covering the following areas this half-term in our topic based on **Wonder by RJ Palacio**.

Many parents have, in the past, requested links to the topic where they can support their child in the learning going on in school. These are purely optional.

	Curriculum covered this half-term	Optional suggestions for home-learning
English	<p>Reading: Using the think books to help develop our writing skills. Furthering the comprehension skills using the class book 'Wonder' by RJ Palacio. Developing the children's accuracy, fluency through the reading of the class reader.</p> <p>Spelling: Cial and tial spelling rule Using the hyphen</p> <p>Grammar: irregular verbs Parts of speech Sentence construction (simple, complex and compound)</p> <p>Writing: Descriptive story writing</p> <p>Handwriting: Consolidation of 6 rules of handwriting-</p>	<p>Books to read: Children would really benefit reading Wonder or any other books by RJ Palacio.</p> <p>To develop their writing skills further, the children have access to the Night Zoo Keeper.</p>
Maths	<p>Place value Mental calculations (in particular a focus on times tables) We will be revising the four rules of number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) Fractions, decimals and percentages.</p>	<p>www.sumdog.com –a website filled with exciting maths games. Create an account via the parent section</p>
Science	<p>We will be exploring just how fun science can be through lots of investigative work. Experiments include; making invisible ink and bubble cubes, watching how images can be reversed in what appears to be an optical illusion, investigating density by making liquid rainbows, making water 'walk' ...and much, much more!</p>	<p>Search online for 'fun experiments to do at home'. This is one website that may be fun to explore at home...</p> <p>https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/</p>
ICT	<p>Coding using code.org</p>	<p>Log on to code.org through the Tetherdown website www.tetherdownschool.org</p>

		Log using usernames and passwords that are stuck in children's home learning books. Night Zoo Keeper
Geography	Mapping Skills on North America	
PE	Hockey –Y5C Netball- Y5C Swimming – Y5 K	
Art	Portraits	National Portrait Gallery
PSHE/ RE	RE: We will be looking at the theme of Identity, diversity and belonging and answering the question: How do we make moral choices? PHSE: How our uniqueness makes us special and how differences can be celebrated.	
Music	Apollo Music Project developing their understanding of Classical music with a live orchestra. Song writing with an anti-bullying theme	

Please could the children bring in **water bottles** every day, to keep them hydrated as they learn.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 28 th January at 2.45pm- 3.30	Open Afternoon
Wednesday 3 rd February	Parents Evening 4-7pm
Thursday 11 th February	Parents Evening 4-7pm

Please do not hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns relating to your child during the term. We, and our support staff, Mrs Moir and Ms Foster, would like to thank everyone for the lovely Christmas gifts and the generous gift vouchers.

May we also wish you all a very Happy New Year!

With best wishes

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