

Happy New Year! Thank you all so much for your messages, cards and gifts at Christmas. It was so thoughtful of you all. During this term we will be concentrating on the following:-

**English** - Each term, we focus on examples of poetry, fiction and non-fiction texts. This term we will be exploring fables and the morals that they teach us. We will also create our own non-chronological reports.

**Reading** - The children will read, compare, analyse and discuss examples of the focus text type each week. Weekly opportunities are provided for children to read aloud to an adult.

**Spelling** - Spelling patterns and rules are introduced and explored every week. We are exploring prefixes and suffixes and consolidating our knowledge of previous spelling patterns. We will continue to send home examples of words that we are focusing on each week.

**Writing** - After reading, analysing and discussing texts, the children will have opportunities to write their own versions. In all forms of writing they will be encouraged to follow structures and features of the text type. Every lesson includes grammar or punctuation rules and children are expected to use the rules they have learned in their

writing. We will be particularly be focussing on exclamation marks, question marks, inverted commas, commas in lists, commas when using a connective and when using 'ly' sentence openers.

**Mathematics** - During this term, we will be continuing to learn our times tables and will practise these every morning. We will also be finding fractions of amounts and comparing measurement. We will be learning about angles, lines, perimeter and area,

**Computing** - This term children will be discussing computer networks including the internet and the services it offers. They explore how search engines work and what influences results, evaluating search engines and using sources. They learn about the threat from computer viruses and develop understanding of intellectual property and relate this to their own content. They use spreadsheet software to create graphs and to explore number patterns. We will also continue to think about e-safety and staying safe online.

**Science** - Children will be investigating the topic of plants. There are many opportunities for practical investigations as well as recording in tables and charts.

**Art** - this term we will be developing our art skills whilst also looking at the work of Henri Rousseau.

**Religious Education** - During this term, the children will be exploring the following themes:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Celebration the Mass

See the Religious Education newsletter for more details.

**Geography and History**-

During our geography sessions we will be investigating our local area. We will think about human and physical features within the local area. We will learn about compass points and develop our map skills. In our history sessions the children will explore the development of Borehamwood.

**Home Learning** -

We will continue to send home spelling homework weekly supporting the spelling patterns we have been learning in the classroom. We will also send a maths activity to consolidate what the children have been learning in class. Please continue to read daily with your children as well as practising their times tables.

*Here are some weblinks you may wish to use to further learning:*

**Literacy:**<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

**Maths:**

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

**Science:**

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living\\_things/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/living_things/)

### **Fast marking**

This term we are trialling fast marking in Literacy lessons.

This means that the children will be given verbal feedback on their learning, during the lesson, rather than written comments in their books. We will review the impact of this initiative over the next few weeks and will hold a parents' meeting later in the term if we introduce fast marking in all subjects.

### **General Points**

It's that time of year again where we get through a lot of tissues in school. Kind request for children to bring in some tissues for the classroom please.

This term we will continue to develop our Growth Mindsets. We will be working on curiosity and open-mindedness.

### **Reminders**

P.E. - is on a Monday (weather permitting) & Thursday. All P.E kits are to be brought into school on a Monday and left in school for the week. Please ensure that your child has a kit for outdoor P.E.

All belongings, including the stationery they wish to bring

in, are the children's responsibility, and should be clearly named.

The class will continue to take part in Forest Schools on a Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs Ruhl will teach the children Computing and French on a Friday,

If you have any queries or concerns about any aspects of the curriculum or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact us.

*Mrs Hatton*

*Mrs Letts*

**Mrs Hatton and Mrs Letts  
Class Teachers**

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**Ms McBride  
Head teacher**