

Reading Books.

Reading books will continue to be changed on Mondays and Thursdays, but your child needs to bring their reading book and diary every day. Please read with your child and sign their diary. If you wish to read additional books, please log on to www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

PE

Bint Qays - Wednesday PM
Ibn Salamah - Thursday PM
Ibn Thaabit - Wednesday PM

Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school with their name label visible.

Upcoming Dates to Note

Thursday 3rd March: Parent Workshop, 5:15pm

This workshop will give more information on the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check with information on how you can further support your child at home.



Olive School

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 2: 2016



Changing the World

This term our topic is 'Changing the World'.

The children will be learning about the following:

- **Literacy** - Over the course of the next half term, we will be looking at the Fairy Tale 'Cinderella', 'The Egyptian Cinderella' and stories about fantasy worlds 'Where the Wild Things Are'.
- **Numeracy** - So far this half term we have focused on measuring length in centimetres and comparing and ordering weight and capacity. We will now be focusing on addition and subtraction, multiplications, fractions, shape and data.
- **Science** - This half term our unit is 'The Human Body'. We will be learning about and labelling parts of our skeleton as well as exploring the use of the senses.
- **Geography** - Our topic is 'An Overview of the Seven Continents' and so we will be working with the children to expand their knowledge of each of the seven continents and the five oceans.
- **Design Technology** - The focus for this unit is 'Moving Pictures'. The children will explore mechanisms for moving objects and will design their own moving picture.
- **Religious Education**- So far this term we have been working on the unit 'Living in Harmony' and looked at how different stories portray acts of kindness.
- **Music**- Over the next half term we will continue to explore vocal sounds and identify pitch and tone as well as creating and using body percussion.
- **Phonics** - Most children in Year 1 are now working within Phase 5. If you would like to support your children with this at home, please play the Phase 4 and 5 games found for free on www.letters-and-sounds.com or the KS1 Literacy games on www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize.

What you can do to help.

- **Literacy** - Please talk about the setting of a story with your child. Can they identify the setting? Have they seen this setting in a different story? How does the setting differ between two books? Encourage your child to make up their own fantasy settings for story-writing.
- **Numeracy** - Please encourage your child to count on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s within 100. Please allow them to measure things in the home with a ruler, cut food up into halves and quarters, and ask them to tell you what time it is (on the hour and half past). Continue to look for 2D and 3D shapes in the environment and discuss their properties.
- **Science** - Speak to your child about their body. Can they feel their heart beating faster as they run? What senses do they use when they eat their food? Can they name any of the bones in their body?
- **Geography** - Encourage your child to teach you about the continents they are learning about. See if your child can identify any continents on a map of the world. Encourage them to look in an Atlas or at a globe.
- Please continue to use **MyMaths**. A new activity will be added every week for those children who are completing the set tasks. If you are having technical difficulties, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Have you got any questions?

You are welcome to ask the teachers questions about your child and the curriculum. However, the teachers can only see you when all the children have been picked up from school. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher you will need to wait until all children have been dismissed.