

Reading Books.

Please read with your child and comment in their reading records. Books will be changed on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Books may not be changed if they are not signed. Children need to bring their books every day. You can also access more books from home using www.activelearn.co.uk.

PE.

Bint Qays- Tuesday am

Ibn Thabbit- Wednesday am

Ibn Salamah- Friday am

Can we please remind you that children should not be wearing **any** jewellery in school and should have the appropriate PE kit.

Spellings.

Each week your child takes a spelling test, focussing on a specific rule that we are teaching in school. Please support your child to learn the spellings and also to apply them in their writing.



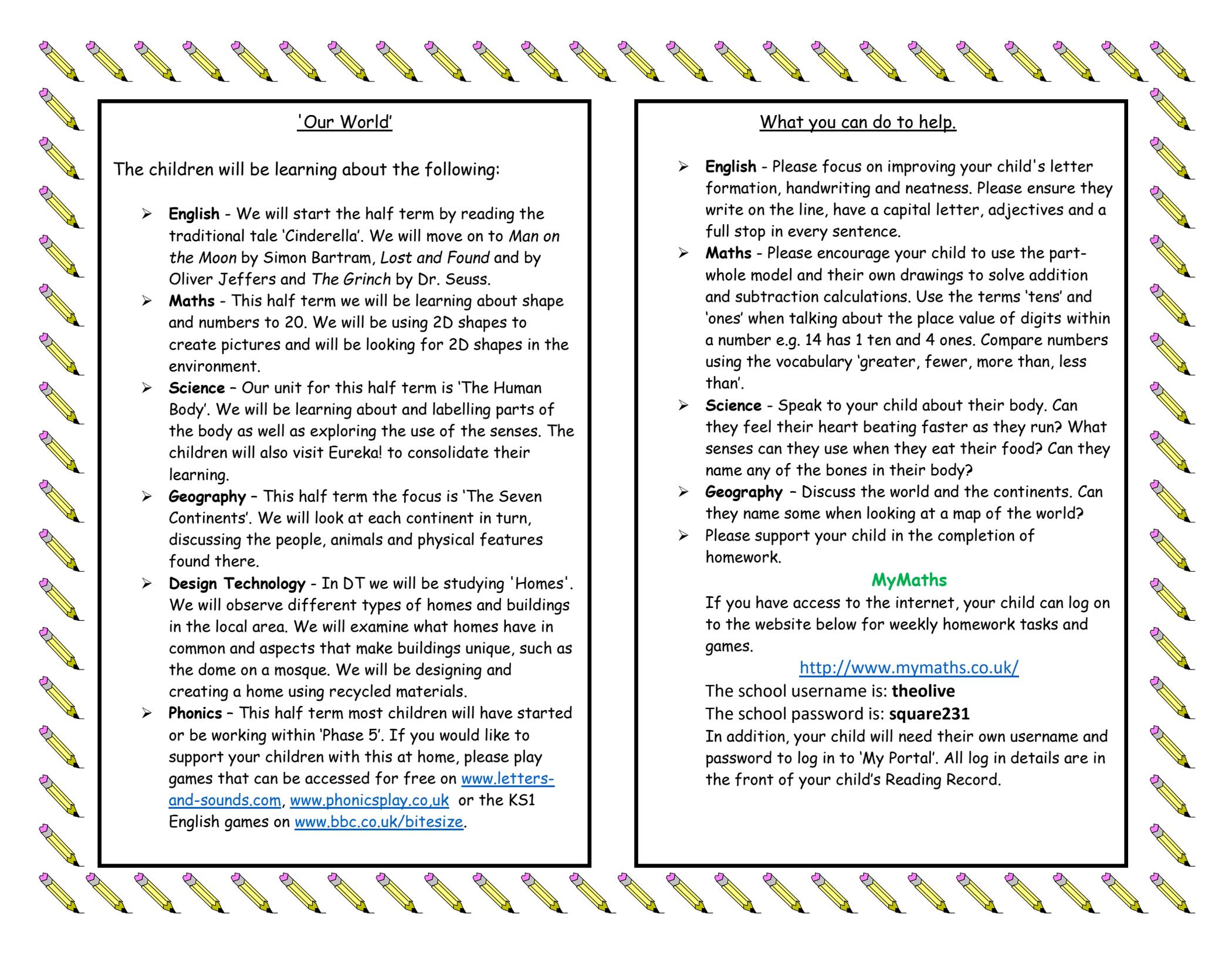
Olive School

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2: 2018



Our World



'Our World'

The children will be learning about the following:

- **English** - We will start the half term by reading the traditional tale 'Cinderella'. We will move on to *Man on the Moon* by Simon Bartram, *Lost and Found* and by Oliver Jeffers and *The Grinch* by Dr. Seuss.
- **Maths** - This half term we will be learning about shape and numbers to 20. We will be using 2D shapes to create pictures and will be looking for 2D shapes in the environment.
- **Science** - Our unit for this half term is 'The Human Body'. We will be learning about and labelling parts of the body as well as exploring the use of the senses. The children will also visit Eureka! to consolidate their learning.
- **Geography** - This half term the focus is 'The Seven Continents'. We will look at each continent in turn, discussing the people, animals and physical features found there.
- **Design Technology** - In DT we will be studying 'Homes'. We will observe different types of homes and buildings in the local area. We will examine what homes have in common and aspects that make buildings unique, such as the dome on a mosque. We will be designing and creating a home using recycled materials.
- **Phonics** - This half term most children will have started or be working within 'Phase 5'. If you would like to support your children with this at home, please play games that can be accessed for free on www.letters-and-sounds.com, www.phonicsplay.co.uk or the KS1 English games on www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize.

What you can do to help.

- **English** - Please focus on improving your child's letter formation, handwriting and neatness. Please ensure they write on the line, have a capital letter, adjectives and a full stop in every sentence.
- **Maths** - Please encourage your child to use the part-whole model and their own drawings to solve addition and subtraction calculations. Use the terms 'tens' and 'ones' when talking about the place value of digits within a number e.g. 14 has 1 ten and 4 ones. Compare numbers using the vocabulary 'greater, fewer, more than, less than'.
- **Science** - Speak to your child about their body. Can they feel their heart beating faster as they run? What senses can they use when they eat their food? Can they name any of the bones in their body?
- **Geography** - Discuss the world and the continents. Can they name some when looking at a map of the world?
- Please support your child in the completion of homework.

MyMaths

If you have access to the internet, your child can log on to the website below for weekly homework tasks and games.

<http://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

The school username is: **theolive**

The school password is: **square231**

In addition, your child will need their own username and password to log in to 'My Portal'. All log in details are in the front of your child's Reading Record.