

Spring One	Spring Two
English	
<p><b>Writing</b> We will be using the story of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe to write a range of texts, including a letter and a descriptive piece. We also will be developing our writing of information texts to support our Mountains Topic.</p> <p><b>Reading</b> The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe will support our Guided Reading sessions. Children will take part in whole class teaching and individual reading activities. We will be continuing our R.I.C. reading approach, focussing on retrieval, interpretation and choices made by the author.</p>	<p><b>Writing</b> This term we will be using our learning about Geology to write a scientific report. We will also be writing a newspaper report. As in Spring 1, we will continue to develop our use of figurative language through our descriptive writing,</p> <p><b>Reading</b> We will be reading a selection short texts in our Guided Reading sessions, as well as information texts to support our Science and Topic learning. As in Spring 1, the children will continue to use the R.I.C approach.</p>
Maths	
<p>Our main focus for this term will be to secure the children’s understanding of fractions. We will also be developing our skills when measuring time and enhancing our Reasoning and Problem Solving skills.</p>	<p>Our main focus for this term will be to develop the children’s understanding of decimals. We will also be learning how to solve simple measure and money problems. We will continue to develop our Reasoning and Problem Solving skills.</p>
Other subjects	
<p>This term our topic will be <b>Mountains and Field Work</b> To support your child’s Home Learning Project, the following websites may be useful: <a href="http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/mountains.htm">http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/mountains.htm</a> <a href="http://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-mountains/">http://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-mountains/</a> <a href="http://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/mountains">http://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/mountains</a></p>	<p>This term our topic will be <b>Mountains and Field Work.</b></p>

All the term's work relates to the National Curriculum. The work planned is described in general terms in this curriculum information letter. The teachers' own plans set out in detail, all the knowledge and skills to be taught for each subject. If you wish to know more about this please feel free to meet with the class teacher to discuss.

Ways to support your child's learning this term.

When parents, relatives and friends are interested in the work of the class, the children become more interested in their learning. This term we would particularly like your help with the following:

**Reading** – ask your child questions about what they are reading. Include questions such as: why do you think, how do you know, type questions.

**English** – encourage your child to write at every opportunity. Prompt correct forming of letters and joining wherever possible.

**Maths** – become fluent with Times Tables up to 12 x 12. Everyday mental maths questions to increase children's recall speed. Telling the time.

**Science** – discussions around solvents and mixtures, and rocks, minerals and fossils.



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Spring Term 2018

Key Stage 2

Year 4

Mrs Watts

Support Staff

Mrs Miller

Mrs Rotter

Homework

Please read as often as possible with your child for 20 minutes. Please access Mathletics and Bug Club as often as possible.

Spellings: Weekly, on a Friday

Projects will be set during term time.

Special Experiences

We are planning a Walking Tour of Historic Maidstone during Spring 2, to support our Topic learning – date TBC

PE

Your child's PE kit should contain a t-shirt to match the house colour, navy shorts and plimsolls. Please ensure PE kits remain in school during the week.

P.E. Days – Wednesday and Friday

We will begin 9 weeks of swimming lessons on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

Reminders

- All children should be wearing the correct uniform daily.
- For safety reasons the only jewellery we allow children to wear is small stud earring and wrist watches.
- Children should not bring sweets or toys into school.
- Chewing gum is banned from the school premises.
- The school gate opens at 8.40am and closes at 8.50am for Yrs 1-6.
- The EYFS gate opens at 8.30am and closes at 8.40am.
- We now have a cashless system in school. If you are having difficulty accessing this at home please talk to the school office.
- Please inform the school office if your child is ill before 9am if possible.
- Teachers are available at the end of the school day for a quick chat. Please feel free to make an appointment if you need to have a longer discussion.

Term Dates 2018

Half term holiday: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb

Return to school: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb

Last day of term: Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> March

Summer Term: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April