

How You can Help at home.



Reading

Try and listen to your child read as often as you can, even if it is only for a short period of time. Let them try and sound out any difficult words and talk about the meaning of any unfamiliar words

It is important to encourage reading by exposing your child to a variety of texts including both fiction and non-fiction books. This will enable a greater vocabulary and hopefully lead to reading for pleasure.

When reading any story question if they can identify the main characters, events and setting of the story.



Writing

Encourage your children to use any opportunity to write eg. Shopping lists and birthday cards. If your child is writing in full sentences encourage them to use their phonic knowledge to spell.

Encourage your children to use punctuation in their writing including full stops and capital letters.

Encourage your children to think about how they can add detail to their sentences using adjectives and connectives such as 'and' or 'then'.



Numeracy

Practise counting in 2s, 5s, 10s.

Read and write numbers 0-20 and beyond. Encourage your child to put these numbers in order.

Know all numbers that make 20.

Compare objects or containers, and say which is longer or shorter, heavier or lighter, or which holds more.

Encourage your child to recognise coins and money by helping with shopping.

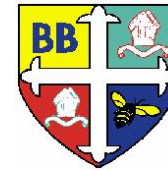
Encourage your child to identify times of the day and to read the time focusing on o clock and half past times.

Encourage your child to identify half of shapes and numbers.

Useful Websites

Purple Mash www.purplemash.co.uk/sch/bishopbridgema *

Mathletics www.mathletics.co.uk

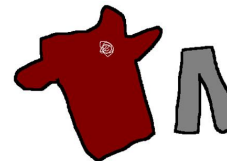


Year 1

Half Termly Newsletter 9th January 2015



We Work, We Play,



We Care, We Pray



Half Termly Overview of Work



Literacy

Stories with fantasy settings- Children will be learning to identify the main characters, events and settings in a number of stories using evidence from the illustrations and text. The children will be using stories linked with our space topic. They will be writing some of their own stories whilst changing some of the details such as the settings and the characters.



Numeracy - This term we will be;

- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s.
- Knowing all numbers that make 20.
- Comparing objects or containers, and say which is longer or shorter, heavier or lighter, or which holds more.
- Learning to tell the time.
- Learning about fractions including half and quarters.
- Identifying 2d and 3d shapes.
- Recognising coins.

Class Routines



Dinner Money

Under the new government 'Free school meals' initiative children are now entitled to a free school meal. As a result dinner money is no longer payable.



PE Kit

PE lessons in Year 1 will take place on a Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has their full PE Kit with them in school at all times.

The Children will be reminded to take it home at the end every half term.



Snack

Children will continue to be offered a morning snack as in reception. If you wish your child to have an afternoon snack, please ensure that they bring £1 to school on Monday mornings.



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Dates to remember

January 2015

15th - L4 Class assembly values

15th - Values Day

26th - Super Learning Week - British Values



School Trips

23rd January - Planetarium Visit linked to our space topic.

Science

Throughout the year we will be learning about the different seasons. In this half term we will be focusing on winter and observing the changes across the season. We will also be learning to describe the weather associated with winter. We will also be continuing to learn about materials and their properties. We will be grouping and comparing materials and identifying which materials are better equipped to carry out different functions. We will be investigating the changes that occur between materials through melting and freezing and boiling.



Topic

History - We will be learning about Neil Armstrong and space.

Art/DT - We will be linking this to our history topic by making rockets. We would appreciate the collection of any cardboard tubes including empty kitchen roll and toilet rolls.



RE

The children will be learning about why Jesus was special.



Computing - Year 1 will be learning about

safety rule when using ICT equipment. They will also be planning algorithms for BeeBots using commands.



PE - Year 1 will be doing gym and multi skills. PE takes place on a Thursday morning.



Homework

We will send out spellings each Friday. Please help them to learn them for the following Friday when their spelling test will take place. We will also continue to send out the purple homework books on a Friday with a math's, topic or literacy task to complete to be handed in the following Wednesday.