

Pre/Primary School

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Dear Parents,

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Hello and welcome back! We hope that both you and your children have had a good and relaxing holiday and are ready to get back to school once again. Below is a description of what we will be covering during the first half term of the New Year.

In Numeracy, we will continue developing counting skills using aids such as number lines and 100 squares. We will continue to focus on addition and subtraction and pupils will also estimate, measure, weigh and compare objects. Practical activities will involve giving change from money and making 2D and 3D shapes, models and pictures.

In Literacy, we will write simple first-person recounts linked to personal experiences and begin to develop their dictionary skills by learning to use alphabetical order. Pupils will hear, read and respond to rhymes, simple patterned stories and fairytales and will also identify the features of stories and make comparisons between them. Phonic work will continue and weekly spelling tests will take place to help pupils apply their phonics knowledge when spelling words.

Our Science Unit this half term is "Pushes and Pulls". Pupils will observe, describe and compare movements they make and movements of objects in terms of speed and direction. Students will experiment with making familiar objects move by pushing and pulling and recognize the dangers to themselves of moving objects.

The ICT unit is "Using a Word Bank". Students will discuss the words they see around them and assemble words to be placed in to a word bank. They will communicate their ideas through the use of computers and their work on this will help them with their spelling in Literacy.

In History we will be exploring how our toys are different from those in the past. This unit looks at similarities and differences between toys today and toys in the past and introduces children to the concepts of "old" and "new", encouraging them to think about the changes in their lives and in those of their family or adults around them.

Within the Design and Technology Unit, "Moving Pictures", students will develop an understanding of simple mechanisms through designing and making moving pictures. They will observe how movement can be created by investigating everyday products.

We are looking forward to working with you and your child in the New Year!

Katrina Beck

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