

FARINGTON ST PAUL'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 1 SUMMER TERM FIRST HALF 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

During this term our topic is the *Great Outdoors*

Literacy	The children will read, compare and write stories with the familiar setting of the outdoors. Exploring the themes and characters in camping and forest settings through improvisation and role-play. Through their writing they will continue to learn about writing sentences that make sense and other common uses of capital letters. They will read a variety of information texts and write instructions and booklets linked to our topic.
Numeracy	This half term the children will be solving mathematical problems using the addition and subtraction facts they know at least to 10 and up to 20, doubles and halving numbers to at least 10+10. They will name and describe 2-D and 3-D shapes and learn how to use block graphs and pictograms to sort information. They will have practical experiences measuring capacity. They will learn how to find halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. They will tell the time to the hour and half hour.
Science	Our topic is <i>Materials</i> . They will name different materials and identify the physical properties. They will compare and sort objects based on their materials. They will investigate the suitability of materials for everyday objects.
Computing	We will be learning how to search and retrieve information on the computer and child appropriate websites. We will learn and practice the skills needed to type information on a computer keyboard.
Art	Our focus is on the work of Artists painting landscapes. In particular David Hockney. We will draw and paint the school environment and also produce digital images using paint programs.
P.E	During this half term we will be doing <i>Athletics and Games</i> . In <i>Games</i> the children will develop their skills with underarm throwing and small batting games. In <i>athletics</i> the children will practise running, skipping and jumping. P.E is on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has their kit in school.
Geography	We will investigate the local area beginning with the school environment and thinking about the local area of Lostock hall.
Music	We will be exploring the sounds made by percussion instruments and learn about tempo and dynamics. We will investigate how to write sounds down in music and write music using the sounds we hear outside.
R.E	The focus for our R.E work will be ' <i>Saints and Followers</i> '. We will use stories to learn about the Disciples and other modern day Saints. Our worship value is humility this half term and the children will listen to stories from the bible that explore this.
Homework	Spelling test - Please practice spellings for a test every FRIDAY . Please ensure your child brings in their purple spelling book every Friday, so that their new words can be stuck inside it and given on Friday. Reading books - Please sign your child's reading diary when you have read with them, indicating whether the book is completed or read up to a certain page. We will change the books on Monday, Thursday and Friday . Numeracy, Literacy or Topic homework will be given out every week.
Supporting your child at home.	As well as daily reading, spelling and homework your child would enjoy regular trips to the local library. If you have internet access here are some website suggestions: http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/ http://www.ictgames.com/index.html https://www.mymaths.co.uk/ https://www.spag.com/ http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/ reading activities and games