Term 4 in Year 1 - 2018

We hope you will enjoy your half term break and will come back ready for some new topics!

This term, in history we will be focusing on the ‘fire’ part of our ‘Fire and Ice’ topic, in particular looking at the Great Fire of London. We have some exciting things planned for this topic which we are looking forward to.

In English, we will be moving on to look at humorous poetry. We will read and listen to a selection of poems, as well as identify some of the features we would expect to find. We will then build up to writing our own humorous poems. Towards the end of term, we will be looking at non-fiction texts with a particular focus on reading and writing instructions. The children will also be working on phonic activities, developing skills at their level. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read at least 5 times per week. We appreciate your support with helping your child to learn their spellings and new phonic sounds. **Please remember to record any homework in their reading diaries.**

In Maths we will be revisiting the skills of addition and subtraction. This will include knowing pairs of numbers by heart that make 10 and 20 and also pairs that add to other numbers up to 20. Related subtraction facts will also be investigated and practised so that they can be recalled with fluency. Other topics include length, weight and capacity. Please continue to support your child in using RM Easimaths. They should have received their individual log in details in their reading record books. Please let us know if you have any problems with logging on. We would like to see the children logging on for a 15 minute session at least 2 – 3 times a week.

In science, we will continue looking at different uses of materials and how the shapes of different objects can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will also be conducting more exciting investigations.

Other areas of learning this term include emails and databases in computing and making pasta salads and healthy food in DT.

We are also looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day on 1st March** and seeing all the children’s favourite characters.

Show and tell themes for this term are:

February 21st – A poem – preferably humorous!

March 7th - A picture, model or information about the Great Fire of London.

March 21st – Something the children have made related to Spring or Easter.

Thank you for your continued support.

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