

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday and are ready to come back to school. We are starting off the new year with our 'Pop' topic where the lead subject is Art. We hope to inspire the children's interest and curiosity with an art immersion day to start the topic.

We ask that all children bring a water bottle to school each day. We will be having a set snack time after break where the children will be given a piece of fruit. If your child struggles with the selection of fruit provided, please feel free to send in a piece of fruit (this can be dried). Our school BookFlix initiative will be continuing. Please look out for the new spring term bookmark coming home in your child's bag. For those who complete the book mark, they will receive a certificate and sticker in assembly. We ask that these are handed in the week before the Easter holidays.

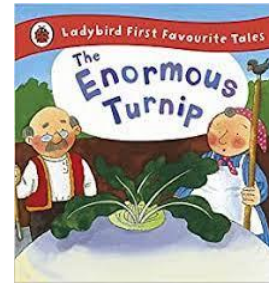
**Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 6th January- Back to school  
Week beginning Monday 31st January- Big Arts Week  
Week beginning Monday 7th February- Mental Health Week  
Friday 11th February- School closes for Half Term

**English**

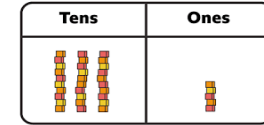
This half term in English we will be looking at Traditional Stories. What makes a traditional tale a traditional tale? Do they all start with once upon a time? We will then be looking at alternative ends to traditional tales and use this as inspiration to create our own.

Spellings and phonics are really important so if you wish to do some extra practice with your child we have put the common exception words, tricky words and phonics mats into the back of their reading record. These will be tested at random points in the year to check children's progress.



**Maths**

This half term in maths we will be looking at addition and subtraction to 20. We will be learning to add by counting on and by using number bonds that make 10. We will be learning to subtract crossing over the 10. We will also be moving on to place value to 50. We will be looking at writing numbers correctly. How these numbers can be represented. We will be looking at one more and less. We will also be looking at tens and ones within numbers.



*Pop!*

During this half term we will be starting our 'Pop!' topic. Our final outcome for this topic will be an exhibition and a performance piece as this topic encompasses the Big Arts. This work will be shared with parents either in person or online depending on restrictions in place at the time.



**Science**

Our science topic for this half term is 'Plants'. As part of this unit the children will be learning to identify and name a variety of garden plants including deciduous and evergreen. We will be identifying and describing the basic structure of a variety of common plants including trees. We will also be learning to compare plants and seeds using our scientific enquiry skills.

**PE**

Children will continue to have their weekly outdoor games session on a Tuesday afternoon with the school sports coaches.

On Friday morning we will now be focusing on dance and movement. Using traditional tales as a stimulus. We hope to shape our final dance with you.

The children will continue to have a weekly forest school session on a Thursday afternoon. For Winter please send him wellies, hats, gloves and waterproof pants if you have them. Unfortunately, due to lack of space we will not be able to keep these in school.

**Art**

In Art we will be looking at the work of Andy Warhol. The children will be learning to draw and mark make using a range of media including pencils, crayons, pastels, felt tips, chalk. They will be also be looking at the effects of drawing on different types of paper. We then use these skills whilst making observational drawings of natural objects. This will then lead to creating mono block prints using polystyrene tiles to make a simple press print. We will then use this printing technique to make an Andy Warhol inspired print.



**Music**

In music the children will be continuing to sing songs, chants and rhymes with expression. Our key songs for this term are 'We need plants' and 'The tree in the Wood'. We will also be learning to create sound effects using both tuned and untuned instruments. We will then use these sound effects to support our work in drama.



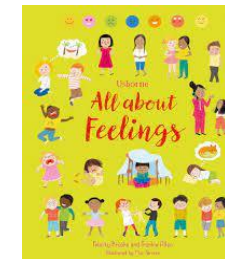
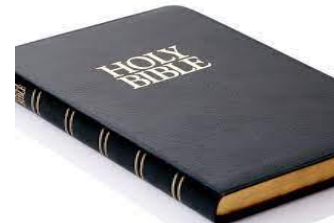
**ICT**

This term in ICT they will be learning how to create an animated story book using the programme 2create a story on Purplemash. The final product from this unit will link to our English unit of work on traditional tales. The children will be practising the skills of drawing and adding text using a programme. They will then learn how to add backgrounds, animations, sounds and voice recording.



**RE**

In RE we will be looking at holy books. Which books do some people deem as holy, and what does this mean. To recognise that holy books are treated in special ways. To understand that in the holy bible there are 10 commandments and what these are. The children will also continue to develop their understanding of stories from the bible.



**PHSCE**

This term in PHSCE we will be learning about a wide range of feelings. We will then look at how people's bodies and feelings can be hurt. We will be learning how we manage these different types of feelings.