Halstow Primary School

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Autumn 2 Newsletter

Year 1

Dear Year 1 Parents and Guardians,

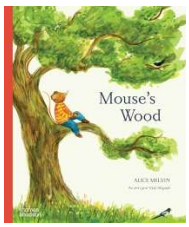
We hope you have all enjoyed the half term break. Here is an overview of what the children will be learning over the next 7 weeks.

Maths

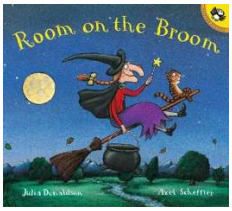
In maths, we will be consolidating what we have learned about addition and subtraction, strengthening knowledge of bonds within ten. We will deepen understanding of the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction through the language of parts and wholes. We then move onto to geometry recognising, sorting and making patterns with both 2- and 3-D shapes. Towards the end of this term, we will be looking at place value exploring the value of tens and ones in numbers greater than ten.

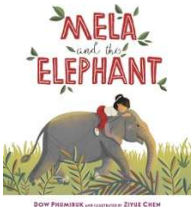
Literacy

In literacy, we are continuing to build children's mastery of sentence construction whilst also enjoying a range of fantastic books and stories. We begin the term with the familiar story of 'Room on the Broom', using drama and play to build confidence in oral storytelling and finding opportunities to apply our new phonics knowledge. Children will be writing weird and revolting recipes inspired by the 'The Café at the Edge of the Woods'. We use "Mouse's Wood' to explore and write about changes through the seasons, linking to our longitudinal science topic across the year. We will read the Thai story of 'Mela and the Elephant', through which children will explore themes of kindness and generosity. We conclude the term with our RE topic learning about the meaning of Christmas and why Jesus is important to Christians, which we use this as our stimulus for our writing.









Phonics

In phonics, children will learn many new graphemes and tricky words. Please help your child by practising these sounds at home. Children should be taking their phonics reading book home each Friday and returning it each Thursday.

Autumn 2 Phase 5 graphemes	New tricky words
/ur/ ir bird /igh/ ie pie /oo/ /yoo/ ue blue rescue /yoo/ u unicorn /oa/ o go /igh/ i tiger /ai/ a paper /ee/ e he /ai/ a-e shake /igh/ i-e time /oa/ o-e home /oo/ /yoo/ u-e rude cute /ee/ e-e these /oo/ /yoo/ ew chew new /ee/ ie shield /or/ aw claw	their people oh your Mr Mrs Ms ask* could would should our house mouse water want

Wider Curriculum

Seasons will be the focus of our science learning this term. Children will observe and record the changes they see in nature around them, with visits to our local park. They will record the weather each Wednesday, learning how to use a thermometer, rain gauge and weathervane. This term we begin geography with a focus on our local area. Children will be developing an understanding of maps and how to use them. We will have lots of fun using this knowledge to programme our 'bluebots' to follow the large floor maps that we will make. In D.T this term we continue our focus on materials; children will be learning about different ways to recycle and reuse plastic materials. The children will be 'upcycling' single-use plastic to create a Christmas decoration. They will learn about the design process, considering materials and evaluating each step. We would be grateful for donations of small plastic bottles and yogurt pots for week 3 (week beginning 16th November).

Our PE day is Tuesday. Please ensure children wear trainers and comfortable clothes.

Kind wishes,

Miss Charlton and Mrs Paratilla