

# Atlantis Newsletter Spring 2020

Happy New Year to all parents and families! Welcome back to very busy term at Hoole St Michael. We hope that you all continue the hard work and enthusiasm that you showed us last term.

This half term our topic will be 'Explorers', we will be looking at local and global explorers. We will also be looking at two famous explorers; Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus, please ask your child about these two famous explorers and conduct research together to further their learning.



Our topic web can be viewed on the school website under [Classes](#)

[Atlantis-what's new?](#)

## Curriculum Information:

- Maths, English, guided reading and phonics are taught daily alongside other areas of the curriculum.
- **Reading:**  
In Atlantis, the focus on reading is to build **fluency**, **confidence** and **pleasure**. We will do this through teaching your child to apply phonic knowledge, blending sounds in unfamiliar words and reading common exception words (tricky words - attached to homework sheet)

Your child will be reading a mixture of phonic based books and books which also contain the tricky words. Through re-reading these books, it will enable your child to grow in confidence and build their fluency. Reading is not a race to get onto the next book band level and we really want to foster a love of reading. Reading takes many forms: on some occasions, you may spend the reading time reading through a magazine together; reading a recipe; or reading online etc.

Children will always benefit from listening to grown-ups reading. This is where we really hope to foster a love of reading and enthuse your child. Reading for pleasure will be taught through your child listening to stories, poems, non-fiction texts, rhymes and fairy/traditional tales. There's nothing better than listening to a good story or poem, perfect for bed-time chilling out time!

We ask that your child reads every night and that you record this in the reading record book. Please write a positive comment which we can re-iterate with your child. Then, add any additional

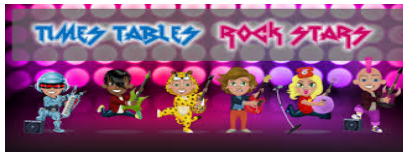
comments you wish for us to see about your child's reading e.g. If you think your child needs to re-read this book; if there are any words/graphemes your child has had difficulty with. **It is vital that your child reads every day at home.**

- **Maths:**

In Atlantis, the focus within mathematics is to build **fluency, problem solving** and **reasoning** across all the mathematical strands. This half term sees us focussing on number and in particular place value. We will be working within numbers your child is familiar with and getting them to have a deep understanding of number.

**Times Tables:**

After Friday's brilliant TT RockStar launch, we will be starting learning with our X10, X5 and X2 table. Watch out for further information on Class Dojo and within homework tasks - Rock on!



- **Spelling:**

Spellings will be sent out every Monday. These will be formed from the graphemes we have been learning plus any common exception words. **Tests will be the following Monday giving all children the full week and weekend to learn their spellings.**

- **Homework:**

Please see the attached sheet for you to pin up at home which has all the details that you need about homework.

**PE:**

**Please ensure your child has their labelled PE kit in school.**

- **Tuesday** : **Multi-Skills** taught by the South Ribble Sports Coaches
- **Wednesday** : **Gymnastics/Games** taught by Mrs Horn/ Mr Pitcher
- **Daily** : Daily 10 minute run

**Forest Schools** - Forest school sessions will be on Thursday PM-please ensure your child has outdoor clothing and wellies.

As always, our door is always open and you are welcome to come and speak with us. Our Class Dojo is frequently checked and any messages answered as quickly as we possibly can.

We are looking forward to working together with your children and yourselves this year!

Mrs Horn, Mr Pitcher and team Atlantis!

## Homework Y1/2

As per our homework policy which can be viewed on our website, homework for Y1 should take no longer than 1 hour per week.

It will consist of:

- daily home reading book
- weekly library book
- weekly spellings linked to phonics phases
- weekly maths homework: 'Mathletics' on line resource (set by teacher) or a maths game/activity
- occasional project work linked to other areas of the curriculum

## Year 1 common exception words

This is a word list taken from the National Curriculum of recommended words a Year 1 child should be confident spelling as they complete Year 1.

The	A	Do	To	Today	Of	Said	Says	Are	Were	Was	Is	His	Has
I	You	Your	They	Be	He	Me	She	We	No	Go	So	By	My
Here	There	Where	Love	Come	Some	One	Once	Ask	Friend	School	Put	Push	Pull
Full	House	Our											

Here is a website which may be of use : <https://www.theschoolrun.com/spelling-in-year-1>

## Year 2 common exception words

This is a word list taken from the National Curriculum of recommended words a Year 1 child should be confident spelling as they complete Year 2.

door, floor, poor, because, find, kind, mind, behind, child, children, wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told, every, everybody, even, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast, last, past, father, class, grass, pass, plant, path, bath, hour, move, prove, improve, sure, sugar, eye, could, should, would, who, whole, any, many, clothes, busy, people, water, again, half, money, Mr, Mrs, parents, Christmas

Here is a website which may be of use : <https://www.theschoolrun.com/spelling-in-year-2>