



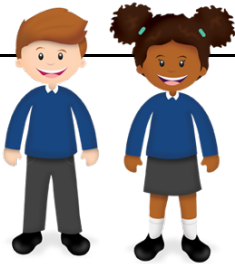
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Atlantis Newsletter

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Welcome back!



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you have all had an enjoyable, relaxing and safe summer. We are looking forward to the exciting things this year will bring.

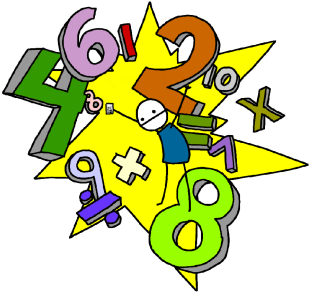
What's happening in the first half term back?

This term in Atlantis our topic is called **'Fire! Fire!'** During this topic, we will be looking at The Great Fire of London and the differences between 1666 and the modern day. We will also (hopefully) be organising a virtual tour of the local fire station where we can discuss all things fire safety!



Curriculum Overview

- **Maths, English, shared reading** and **phonics** are taught daily alongside other areas of the curriculum.
- **Reading:** 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 encouraged regularly within school. Your child will listen to stories, poems, non-fiction



texts, rhymes and fairy/traditional tales regularly in class and we would love for this to continue at home as much as possible. There's nothing better than listening to a good story or poem, perfect for bed-time! We will also do a daily Shared read where we will immerse ourselves in the text and pick it apart as a class. We will answer questions and have discussions.

- We ask that your child reads every night using their new books (phonics book and enjoyment book) and that you record this in their new 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.** Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday in school.



- **Maths:** In Year 1 and 2, the children will be taught separately within class and learning will be specific to their year group. The focus within mathematics is to build **fluency, problem solving** and **reasoning skills** across all the mathematical strands. This half term sees us focusing 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 last year's brilliant TT Rockstar launch, we will be starting learning with our 2, 5 and 10-times tables! Keep an eye out for a teacher challenge-can you beat Mr Pitcher and Mrs Horn??



- **Spelling:** Spellings will be sent out every Monday. These will be formed from the graphemes we have been learning plus any Y1/2 common exception words. **Tests will be the following Monday giving all children the full week and weekend to learn their spellings.**

- **Homework:** Homework and spellings will be giving out on a Monday and will be due in the following Monday. We will use TT Rockstars and Emile as our homework platform.

- **PE:** Please ensure your child has their labelled PE kit in school. **PE will be on alternate Mondays and every Friday.**

As always, please let us know if you have any concerns about your child. Our Class Dojo is frequently checked and any messages will be answered as quickly as possible. We are looking forward to working together with you and your children this year.

Mr Pitcher and Mrs Horn.