

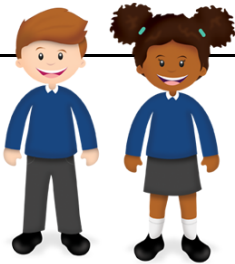


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Atlantis Newsletter Spring 2020

Welcome back!



Dear Parents,

First of all thank you for all your support home learning in the first term back, Mrs Horn and I really appreciate the efforts from you and your children. We are hoping to have everybody back where they belong as soon as it safe to do so!

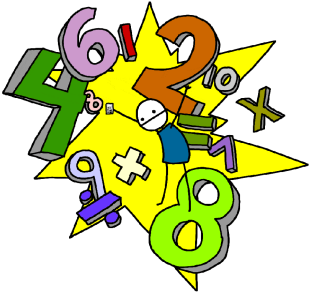
What's happening in the first half term back?

This term in Atlantis our topic is called '**The Farm Shop**' During this topic we will be looking at the amazing world of the 'Farm Shop'! This unit is centered particularly on a scientific background so we will focus on the different animals that live on a farm, how plants grow and also examining the jobs and responsibilities of farmers. In Science, we will be looking into the growth process of plants and carrying our own investigations into what conditions suit the successful growth of plants in our gardens. To end this unit on a high, we will try to organise a visit from a farm so we could really appreciate the wonders of God's creation.



Curriculum Overview

- **Maths, English, guided 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 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!

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- 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.**



- **Maths:** In Year 1 and 2, the focus within mathematics is to build **fluency, problem solving** and **reasoning** 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.

- **Emile/Numbots:** Please can you continue with the excellent work you are doing at home with either Emile or Numbots. This homework will be available from Sunday to Sunday and we will be awarding certificates for those are working especially hard.

- **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.**

- **PE:** Please ensure your child has their labelled PE kit in school if they are attending the key worker hub please can you ensure that they bring the PE kit in on their first day.



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!

Mr Pitcher and Mrs Horn