



Atlantis Newsletter Autumn 2021

Welcome back to a very exciting new school year at Hoole St Michael. We can't wait to get started with a new half term of learning and growth.

This half term our topic will be 'Hopping Around the World'



Our topic web can be viewed on the school website under  Classes

 Atlantis-what's new? It has also been posted on Dojo for you to see.

Curriculum Information:

- **Maths, English, guided reading and phonics** are taught daily alongside other areas of the curriculum.
- **Reading:**
In Year 1, 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 Y1 common exception words and tricky words.

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.**

Books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday in school so please make sure they are sent back in on these days.

- **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 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 and tricky words. **Tests will be the following Monday giving all children the full week and weekend to learn their spellings.**

- **Homework:**

As per our homework policy which can be viewed on our website, homework for Y1 and Y2 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: Online 'Emile', 'Numbots' and TT Rockstars activity or a maths task to play.
- occasional project work linked to other areas of the curriculum.
- Occasional 'Talk homework' to enjoy whilst eating your tea or before bed.

PE:

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

- **Monday-** Dance with Mrs Horn
- **Friday-** Net and Wall games with Mrs Lever.
- **Daily-** Daily 10 minute run

Forest Schools - We will be getting into the Forest school at points throughout the Autumn term.

Other items-

Please make sure your child comes into school with a water bottle with water (no juice).

Please make sure uniform is labelled and continue to work on your child's independence when getting dressed and undressed.

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!

Team Atlantis.