

Reading Books.

Children take their reading books and reading record books home every day. Books will be changed twice a week. Children need to bring their books every day as they are listened to during the week by their teachers. Please read with your child on a daily basis and write your comments in their reading record books. **Please note that your child's book will not be changed unless the book has been read and you have signed the reading record book to confirm this.**

PE

Bint Qays - Thursday pm

Ibn Salamah - Thursday pm

Please ensure that your child's full PE kit is in school at all times and please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery in school. **Please ensure all clothing and uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.** Thank you.

Important Dates:

13th December - Year 1 trip to St Joseph's Primary School - separate letter to follow soon

13th November - Parents' evening

16th November - Children in Need



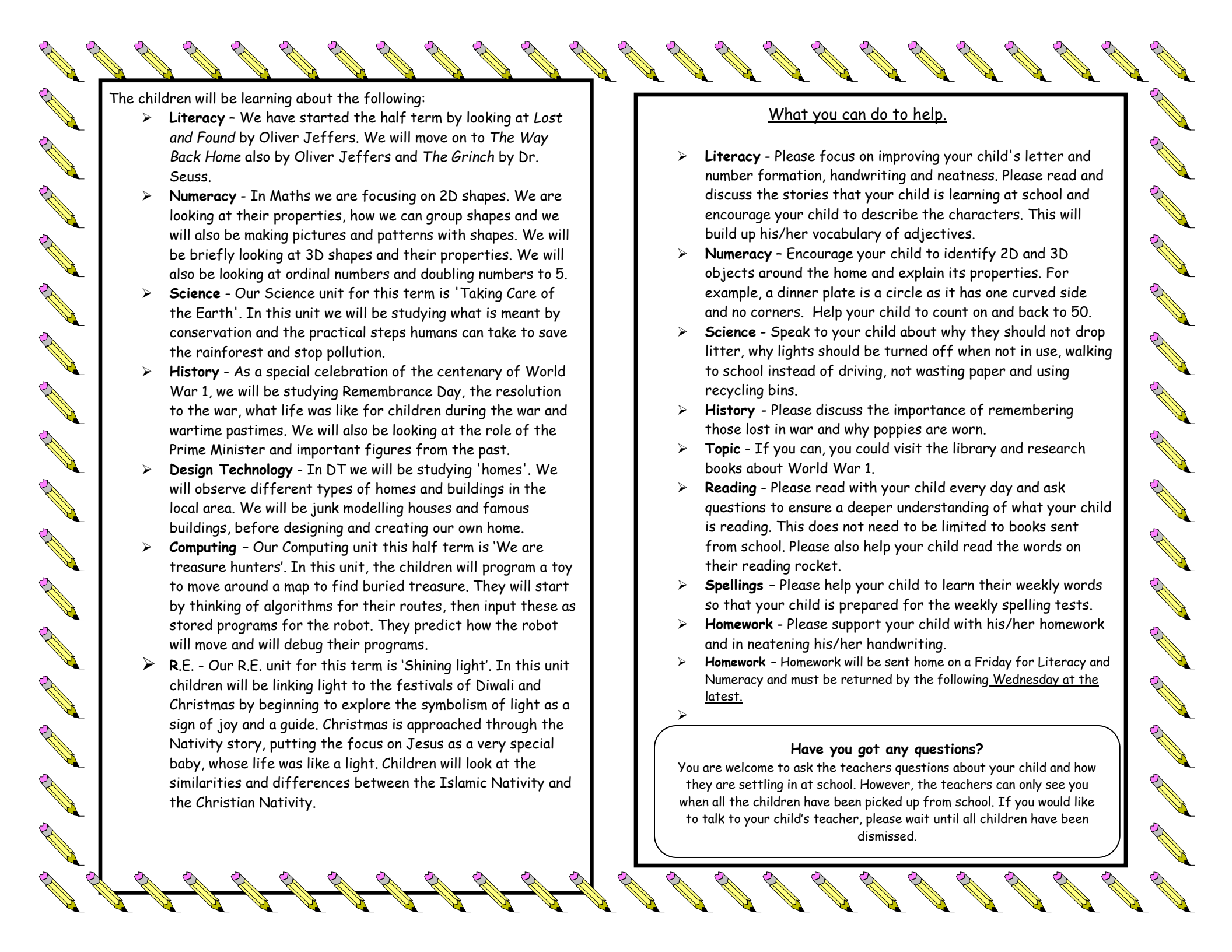
Olive School

Year 1 Newsletter

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'Our Environment'



The children will be learning about the following:

- **Literacy** - We have started the half term by looking at *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. We will move on to *The Way Back Home* also by Oliver Jeffers and *The Grinch* by Dr. Seuss.
- **Numeracy** - In Maths we are focusing on 2D shapes. We are looking at their properties, how we can group shapes and we will also be making pictures and patterns with shapes. We will be briefly looking at 3D shapes and their properties. We will also be looking at ordinal numbers and doubling numbers to 5.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this term is 'Taking Care of the Earth'. In this unit we will be studying what is meant by conservation and the practical steps humans can take to save the rainforest and stop pollution.
- **History** - As a special celebration of the centenary of World War 1, we will be studying Remembrance Day, the resolution to the war, what life was like for children during the war and wartime pastimes. We will also be looking at the role of the Prime Minister and important figures from the past.
- **Design Technology** - In DT we will be studying 'homes'. We will observe different types of homes and buildings in the local area. We will be junk modelling houses and famous buildings, before designing and creating our own home.
- **Computing** - Our Computing unit this half term is 'We are treasure hunters'. In this unit, the children will program a toy to move around a map to find buried treasure. They will start by thinking of algorithms for their routes, then input these as stored programs for the robot. They predict how the robot will move and will debug their programs.
- **R.E.** - Our R.E. unit for this term is 'Shining light'. In this unit children will be linking light to the festivals of Diwali and Christmas by beginning to explore the symbolism of light as a sign of joy and a guide. Christmas is approached through the Nativity story, putting the focus on Jesus as a very special baby, whose life was like a light. Children will look at the similarities and differences between the Islamic Nativity and the Christian Nativity.

What you can do to help.

- **Literacy** - Please focus on improving your child's letter and number formation, handwriting and neatness. Please read and discuss the stories that your child is learning at school and encourage your child to describe the characters. This will build up his/her vocabulary of adjectives.
- **Numeracy** - Encourage your child to identify 2D and 3D objects around the home and explain its properties. For example, a dinner plate is a circle as it has one curved side and no corners. Help your child to count on and back to 50.
- **Science** - Speak to your child about why they should not drop litter, why lights should be turned off when not in use, walking to school instead of driving, not wasting paper and using recycling bins.
- **History** - Please discuss the importance of remembering those lost in war and why poppies are worn.
- **Topic** - If you can, you could visit the library and research books about World War 1.
- **Reading** - Please read with your child every day and ask questions to ensure a deeper understanding of what your child is reading. This does not need to be limited to books sent from school. Please also help your child read the words on their reading rocket.
- **Spellings** - Please help your child to learn their weekly words so that your child is prepared for the weekly spelling tests.
- **Homework** - Please support your child with his/her homework and in neatening his/her handwriting.
- **Homework** - Homework will be sent home on a Friday for Literacy and Numeracy and must be returned by the following Wednesday at the latest.
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Have you got any questions?

You are welcome to ask the teachers questions about your child and how they are settling in at school. However, the teachers can only see you when all the children have been picked up from school. If you would like to talk to your child's teacher, please wait until all children have been dismissed.