

Reading Books.

Children take their reading books and reading record books home every day. Books will be changed twice a week on Mondays and Fridays only if the parents have signed to say that their child has completed the book. 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.

PE

Ibn Abbas - Thursday am

Bint Abee Bakr - Thursday am

PE is taught by a PE specialist. 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. Thank you.

Important Dates:

Gurdwara Trip coming up during this half term - date to be confirmed. A separate letter will be sent home soon.

13th November - Parents' Evening

16th November - Children in Need



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Transport

The children will be learning about the following:

- **Literacy** - We will start the second half term by writing our own versions of 'Little Red Riding Hood' followed by our 'Information texts' unit and finally we will write our own versions of 'The owl who was afraid of the dark'.
- **Handwriting** - Children will be practising their handwriting skills using the cursive style.
- **Numeracy** - We will be focussing on bar models to complete addition and subtraction problems, multiplication and division, measuring temperature, 2-D shapes and positional language.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this half term is 'Forces and movement'. In this unit children will explore pushes/pulls, speed and motion.
- **Topic** - This half term, our topic is 'Remembrance Day'. We will be learning about why November is the time of year when a red poppy is worn in memory of those who sacrificed their lives during the wars.
- **R.E.** - Our R.E. unit for this term is 'People in stories'. In this unit children learn about special people from the Muslim and Christian faiths. Children will learn about Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) and Jesus through a series of stories which show their characteristics, abilities and how they relate to other people. Children will learn how Muslims remember Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as a role model and how Christians remember Jesus particularly at Christmas time.
- **Computing** - This half term, we will start our unit 'We are detectives'. In this unit, the children are challenged to solve a mystery by reading, sending and replying to emails. They also practise how to use the keyboard and typing with both hands.
- **DT**- In DT children will be introduced to the concept of winding mechanisms. Children will explore how to make winding mechanisms using construction kits and then make their own toy using a winding mechanism out of reclaimed materials.
- **Music** - In Music children will commence the unit 'Feel the pulse'. Children will learn how to recognize the difference between beat and rhythm and to perform with a sense of beat.
- **French** - In French this half term we will learn how to greet in French and numbers to 10. We will then begin to look at asking how someone is feeling.
- **Homework** - Homework will be sent on a Friday for Literacy and Numeracy and must be returned by the following Wednesday at the latest.

What you can do to help.

- **Literacy** - Please talk to your child about which story is being taught at school and ask your child to retell the story. Ask your child to change the parts of the story e.g. the ending. Please encourage your child to practise his/her handwriting skills learnt at school.
- **Numeracy** - Please practise the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables with your child at home. If you are out shopping, please ask your child to read the prices of items. Ask your child to help you to make the money amounts using different coins. Ask your child questions about how much change they will get if they bought something for e.g. 37p and they gave the shopkeeper a 50p coin.
- **Science** - Speak to your child about Forces and Movement. Discuss different types of transport e.g. cars/trains/aeroplanes and what makes them move.
- **Topic** - If you can, you could visit the library and research books about Remembrance Day or research information online with your child.
- **Computing** - Please encourage your child to type with both hands and to practise saving their work.
- **Reading** - Please read with your child every day and ask him/her questions to ensure a deeper understanding of what they are reading. This does not need to be limited to books sent from school.
- **Homework** - Please support your child in the completion of homework.