

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.**

P.E.

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.

Punctuality/Appointments

Please try to avoid booking any appointments during school time.

Please ensure your child is in school on time to avoid a late mark in the register and missing any work.

Important Dates:

Tuesday 5th February 2019 - Parent e-safety workshop
5.30pm - 6.30pm (separate letter will be sent with further details in due course)



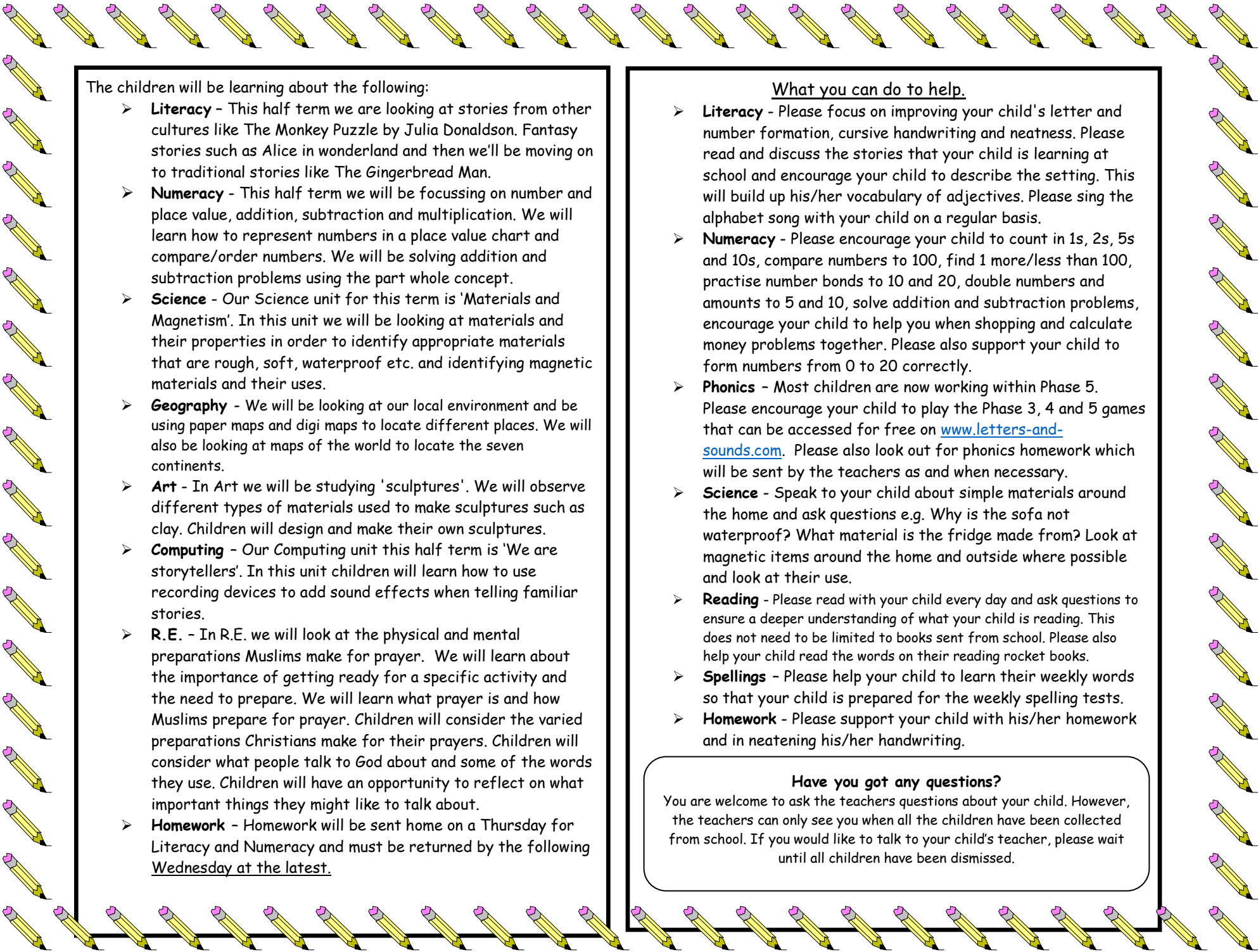
Olive School

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring 1 2019



'Our Town'



The children will be learning about the following:

- **Literacy** - This half term we are looking at stories from other cultures like *The Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson. Fantasy stories such as *Alice in Wonderland* and then we'll be moving on to traditional stories like *The Gingerbread Man*.
- **Numeracy** - This half term we will be focussing on number and place value, addition, subtraction and multiplication. We will learn how to represent numbers in a place value chart and compare/order numbers. We will be solving addition and subtraction problems using the part whole concept.
- **Science** - Our Science unit for this term is 'Materials and Magnetism'. In this unit we will be looking at materials and their properties in order to identify appropriate materials that are rough, soft, waterproof etc. and identifying magnetic materials and their uses.
- **Geography** - We will be looking at our local environment and be using paper maps and digi maps to locate different places. We will also be looking at maps of the world to locate the seven continents.
- **Art** - In Art we will be studying 'sculptures'. We will observe different types of materials used to make sculptures such as clay. Children will design and make their own sculptures.
- **Computing** - Our Computing unit this half term is 'We are storytellers'. In this unit children will learn how to use recording devices to add sound effects when telling familiar stories.
- **R.E.** - In R.E. we will look at the physical and mental preparations Muslims make for prayer. We will learn about the importance of getting ready for a specific activity and the need to prepare. We will learn what prayer is and how Muslims prepare for prayer. Children will consider the varied preparations Christians make for their prayers. Children will consider what people talk to God about and some of the words they use. Children will have an opportunity to reflect on what important things they might like to talk about.
- **Homework** - Homework will be sent home on a Thursday for Literacy and Numeracy and must be returned by the following Wednesday at the latest.

What you can do to help.

- **Literacy** - Please focus on improving your child's letter and number formation, cursive handwriting and neatness. Please read and discuss the stories that your child is learning at school and encourage your child to describe the setting. This will build up his/her vocabulary of adjectives. Please sing the alphabet song with your child on a regular basis.
- **Numeracy** - Please encourage your child to count in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s, compare numbers to 100, find 1 more/less than 100, practise number bonds to 10 and 20, double numbers and amounts to 5 and 10, solve addition and subtraction problems, encourage your child to help you when shopping and calculate money problems together. Please also support your child to form numbers from 0 to 20 correctly.
- **Phonics** - Most children are now working within Phase 5. Please encourage your child to play the Phase 3, 4 and 5 games that can be accessed for free on www.letters-and-sounds.com. Please also look out for phonics homework which will be sent by the teachers as and when necessary.
- **Science** - Speak to your child about simple materials around the home and ask questions e.g. Why is the sofa not waterproof? What material is the fridge made from? Look at magnetic items around the home and outside where possible and look at their use.
- **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 books.
- **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.

Have you got any questions?

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