

# St Thomas' CE Primary School

## Termly Overview

### Year 1 Spring 2019 – first half of term

We hope you've had a great Christmas break and are looking forward to the New Year. Here's a summary of what's happening this half term:

#### Important dates for your diary this term:

Class Trips, Visitors and Special Events:

- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January: Trip to the Science Museum.
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February: Trip to Neasden Hindu Temple
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February: Trip to the Tower of London

Whole School Events:

- Mathematics open morning on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Would you like to help your child with mathematics at home? Please visit our classes and enjoy a fluency lesson at 9am.
- Half term is from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.
- Pupil progress meetings will take place during the week of 25<sup>th</sup> March.
- Towards the end of term each class will hold an open morning where parents will be invited in to see the children's learning. Date tbc – this will be in the newsletter ASAP.
- KS2 Cabaret will take place during the afternoon of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.
- School finishes for the Easter holidays on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm.

### Our class theme this term is Long ago and Far away...

Hold on tight to the magic carpet, prepare your pumpkin coach and don't get lost in the woods! Year one are travelling to a land long ago and far away filled with kings, queens, castles and dragons. We will be immersing ourselves in the fairy tale 'Rapunzel' in English, writing her diary and making a magical witches brew. We will also enjoy the story of the twelve dancing princesses as well as listening to other traditional fairy tales. We will be learning about the history of some of the kings and queens of the United Kingdom and thinking about what makes a good king or queen. We will even take part in a royal banquet! In science, we will receive a visit from the Three Little Pigs who will be looking for some help deciding which materials they should use to build their fairy tale house. We will also be designing and creating our own magnificent castles fit for fairytale land.

### Christian Values

We will continue to focus on embedding all our Christian values (friendship, forgiveness, respect and perseverance) across school life.

### Religious Education

This term we will be looking at the importance of symbols, beliefs and teachings in Hinduism.

### Learning objectives

This half term children in Y1 will be working on the following objectives in the core subjects:

#### Mathematics

I can:

- count in groups of 10s up and back to 100.
- recall number bonds to 7,8, and 9 e.g.  $9 = 7 + 2$ , 8 is the whole and 5 and 3 are the parts,  $7 - 6 = 1$ .

- recall the doubles and halves of all numbers to 10 (e.g. double 4 is 8, double 6 is 12)
- describe the properties of 2D and 3D shape.

### Reading

I can:

- Check that the text makes sense to me as I read and correct when I have misread words.
- Predict what might happen on the basis of what has been read so far.
- read words containing taught Graphemes (e.g. sh, ch, th) and Phonemes (e.g. the sounds).

### Writing

I can:

- Correctly form lower case letters – starting and finishing in the correct place.
- Spell common exception words that are High Frequency Words e.g. **one, said, was**
- Spell the days of the week – **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.**

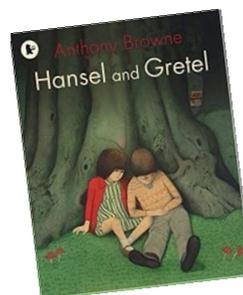
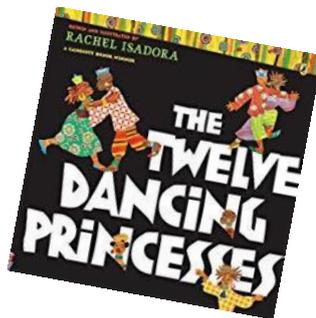
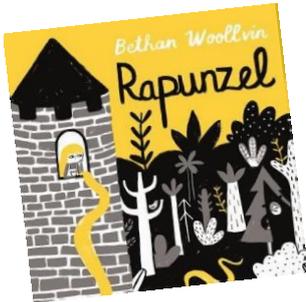
- I can start my sentence with a capital letter.

**A**ll the shoes were worn out.

- I can end my sentence with a full stop or question mark.

e.g. The king called his daughters. Who took the beautiful shoes?

Texts we will be reading as a whole class are: Rapunzel retold by Bethan Woolvin, Twelve Dancing Princesses retold by Rachel Isadora and Hansel and Gretel retold by Anthony Browne



Home-learning will include opportunities to practise some of these objectives but if you and your child are not sure what they mean please make an appointment to speak to me before or after school. There will also be an opportunity to discuss our class' learning at our parent coffee morning.

## Home-learning and how parents can help

Children work very hard at school during the day so we want to keep home-learning simple and easy to manage. Parents can be a great help if they talk to their children about their learning and set up a routine every night. Little and often is best. **We have made a few changes to home-learning this year:** we will no longer have a 'Reading Response Book' in years 2-6. Instead, all classes from Y1-6 will have a book to complete all home-learning (spellings, maths and project work). Children will no longer complete home-learning via My Maths but in this book.

### Reading

Your child should bring home a book of their choice and a reading journal. They should read for 10 to 15 minutes every day. **Reading books should be brought into school each morning.** The reading journal includes information about how you can help your child practise his/her reading at home, and should be signed to show you have listened to your child read. It also includes lots of helpful information about phonics and spelling for KS1.

### Mathematics – number facts test

This year we are going to continue to help children improve their recall of number facts; an essential skill they need in order to be confident mathematicians. Each Friday your child will receive multiplication facts or other

number facts to learn. Children should learn these facts every night for about 10 to 15 minutes. Each child will then sit a short test on the Friday which will help teachers monitor their progress. Along with learning times tables, classes will be given a short task to complete in their home-learning book. This will be reviewed in class with pupils as part of maths lessons.

### **Spellings**

At the beginning of term, your child will receive a list of useful words relating to his/her class' theme. These will be words that children will use often over the coming months so are very useful to know how to spell. Your child will also receive a short list of spellings to learn each week - these are linked to the spelling pattern or family taught during that week in school. Children will need to practise these for 5 to 10 minutes each night. Little and often is most effective.

### **Projects**

Each class will also be set a project to complete each term, linked to the class' theme. Children will be given a list of choices for their project, which will enable them to choose something they enjoy doing e.g. a piece of writing, a craft activity, a piece of DT, a science investigation. These projects are a really fantastic opportunity for you to do something with your child.

This term our project will be: Kings and Queens (see sheet sent home) This is a creative project that could be designing a crown fit for a king or queen; writing a fact file about a King or Queen of your choice; creating a map showing all monarchies in the world.

### **Home-learning**

A timetable of home-learning (when it is set and to be handed in) is below:

- Spelling – spellings will be based on the phonics focus for the week or be high frequency words. These words need to be practised being read, and then learnt to spell.
- Maths – children will given maths facts based on the focus for the week and a short fun task to do with an adult.

These will both be given out on Friday and books should be handed in by the following Wednesday.

## **Weekly events**

Music is on Tuesday with Mr Nicholls and dance is on Thursday with Lisa

PE is on Tuesday this term and the children will be focusing on dance, team games and ball skills. Your child should bring in their PE kit on Monday and leave it until Friday when it can be taken home.

**PE Uniform:** Children need to bring school PE uniform which is a **plain** navy blue or white t-shirt, a pair of navy shorts and a pair of plimsols or trainers. Please make sure that PE uniform is not branded with large logos e.g. football kit, message on T-shirts. Plain PE uniform is available at the school office at a very affordable price.

Best wishes, Miss Wilson and Miss Spence