



Aston Tower Primary School

Year 1 Autumn 2

English

Reading

This term we will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will also be reading the fantasy story 'Where the wild things are' by Maurice Sendak. The children will also be reading lots of information about important significant people such as Nelson Mandela and Neil Armstrong.

Writing

This term the children will focus upon writing stories, book reviews, recounts and non-chronological reports. They will also be focusing upon applying the writing rules in their writing such as capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and making sure that the writing sits on the line correctly.

Phonics

The children will be learning to read and spell phase four words such as shampoo, lag, stop, train, rain and bring. This is reinforcing all the phonemes that they have learnt previously and the children must apply them in their writing.

How you can help your child at home

- Continue to listen to your child read and ask them questions about the book they are reading such as: Who is in the story? Where does the story take place? What went wrong? Who helps?
- Write sentences about the book they are reading making sure that they are applying the writing rules.
- Practise reading and spelling the words that are sent home on a Friday.

Mathematics

During the term, the children will be learning

- Addition and subtraction.
- Learning and recalling the number facts to 10 such as 3+7, 6+4
- Counting in twos, fives, and tens starting from different numbers.
- Recognising coins and adding them together.
- Use the language of measure – short, shorter, long, longer, heavy, heavier, light, and lighter.
- Use language of time – before, after, next, today, tomorrow and yesterday.

How you can help your child at home

- Practise adding single numbers to a teen number to help children remember number facts
For example, 15+3, 16+4, 14+5, etc.
- Find objects and compare using language of measure.
For example, the pen is shorter than the paper.

Science

This term our science topic is plants, with seasonal changes in winter. We will be looking at the different types of trees and walking around the playground looking for the different trees.

- To know there are different types of trees – deciduous and evergreen.
- To know what happens in autumn and winter to the trees, the weather and hours of daylight.

How you can help your child at home

Talk to your child about how:

- the trees change in autumn and winter,
- the weather changes

Geography

This half term the children will be using observational skills of what is within the school grounds and making a range of charts and maps. The children will need to complete their own map of the school grounds and locate things correctly on the map.

- To use the language of near, far, next to, behind and in front of.
- To follow directions: turn right, turn left and go straight on.
- To begin to know the compass points - north, east, south and west.

How you can help your child at home.

- While walking home from school ask the children to tell you what is near to them and what is far away. What is near the school? What is far away? Etc.
- While you are walking to school ask the children which way you need to turn. Is it left or right? Etc.

Physical Education (PE)

The theme for this half term in P.E is dance. The children will be using a range of simple movements. They will be performing the range of movements individually, in pairs and in groups. The children must work together to perform their dance routines. The dance movements will be linked with the jungle and animals in the jungle.

How you can help your child at home.

- Listening to music ask your child to make shapes with their body to show you how the music makes them feel.
- Encourage games that involve sharing and taking turns, as this is an important skill.

Computing

The children will using the google chrome books at school this term. For the first few weeks, the children will be practising:

- Logging on using a school username and school password.
- To use a mouse pad to click and drag objects and not a touch screen.
- To use a mouse pad to create a picture independently and not a touch screen.
- To save and retrieve their work so that they can go back to it the following week.

How you can help your child at home.

- Children to practise their mouse skills using paintz.app to create a picture and write labels. This is a free app for the children to use at home.
- To save their pictures and then open them at another time.
- To talk to your child about not sharing personal information.

DT

This half term our DT topic is to make a mechanism - sliders and leavers. The children will design a card for a special person or special occasion.

First, the children will look at a range of sliders and leavers and then discuss the design. What did they like about the design? Next they will practise cutting and attaching a slider and leaver together using a range of materials. They must also think about their design and evaluate their design. What did they like? What would they do differently next time?

How you can help your child at home.

- Help your child to hold scissors correctly and cut out accurately a range of things.
- Make a card for a special person or occasion.