

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Welcome back, I am so excited to be joining Chalton as the Year 1 and 2 class teacher, and to be starting this new term! I hope that you have all had a great break over the Summer Holidays even though the weather has not been the best!

Topics this term include:

This term, we will be looking at 'Nurturing Nurses.' We will be looking at significant figures and exploring the impacts they made that have influenced our lives today, and we will also be thinking about why we should remember them and their contributions. After half term, we will be looking at 'Our Local Area.' We will be looking at the village – the homes and houses, different jobs, types of public facilities and much more. We will also be going on a fieldtrip around the area to help deepen our exploration and broaden our knowledge, and will think of different characteristics and aspects that we could change to make it even better.

In Science, we will be thinking about 'Living Things and Their Habitats.' In this topic, the children will look at different types of habitats and the different kind of animals that live in each of these. They will be working together to recreate various habitats, and will discover the different characteristics each of the animals have to adapt to their habitats.

In Literacy, we will be looking at Traditional Tales and Fables, with more of a focus on Fables. We will be familiarising ourselves with a variety of old stories whilst touching on some of our more familiar tales, creating story maps, looking at a character description and story structure and, eventually, creating our own short fables.

In Numeracy, the children will begin the term learning about place value and will then move onto addition and subtraction. We will be using a multitude of resources and a wide variety of practical activities to further support our long-term understanding.

P.E will be twice a week. For this half term, this will be Monday and Wednesday. **Please can children come into school wearing their P.E kit on these days.**

In addition to this, we will be doing RE, Computing, Music, PSHE, and Art or DT.

For homework we are asking you to hear your child read throughout the week (ideally every day!). Please ask them a question about what they have read to check their comprehension. In addition please continue to learn weekly spellings and times tables. These will be handed out on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

I am available to discuss any concerns or answer any questions after school.

Best wishes,

Miss Oliver and Mrs Riddaway