



SET SAIL FOR SUCCESS

Mayflower Topic Letter

Year 2

Spring 2018

Happy New Year! Lots of exciting learning has been planned!

Topic

This term our focus book is 'Grendel' which is very similar to the story of King Midas. He wishes that everything he touches turns to chocolate. Not a good idea!

The children will be retelling and then innovating the story. Talk to your child about what they may wish their touch could change.

In Science we will be looking at plants. The names of the different parts.

In Geography we are looking at the local area. Point out key features to the children on their way to and from school. In computing we will be programming the beebots to complete a journey on a floor map

In art we are thinking about texture. Come and see our wonderful dragon!

English

The children will be retelling and then innovating the story. Talk to your child about what they may wish their touch could change.

This term we are thinking about SHOW and NOT TELL. How can you show someone is sad in your writing without telling the reader?

For example, describing a character who is feeling hungry could be written like this; 'Her tummy rumbled and she licked her lips.'

Please practise spellings at home. We understand that lots of children have been leaving their spelling books at school. We have a new system to ensure that every child brings home their spelling book.

DON'T FORGET TO READ!

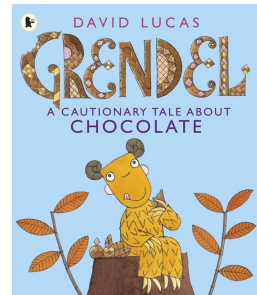
Maths

We will be focusing on the four operations this half term and applying them to different contexts. For example in money we will use the empty number line to add different amounts and take away to find how much change needs to be given.

We are having a big push on problem solving- talk to the children about the problems they have been working on.

We have noticed that the children find it difficult to count backwards from a random number between 30 and 100 They also find it tricky to count backwards in jumps of ten. If you could practise at home it would very much be appreciated.

Don't forget Mathletics.
www.mathletics.co.uk



Parents' Memo

PE

PE:
Ofili: Thursday and Friday
O'Keeffe Monday and Thursday.

Please ensure your child brings in their PE kit and leaves it in school for the half term. Your child's PE kit needs to include

- Navy blue tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- Trainers
- White t-shirt

Educational visits this half term:
We will be going Kew Gardens to track down cacao tree!