

English	<p><b>Writing</b> Children will investigate the features of traditional tales and use these to inform their writing. They will look at how tales can be told in different ways and from a variety of perspectives, and compare different versions. They will also analyse characters and write character descriptions.</p> <p><b>Spelling Punctuation and Grammar</b> There will continue to be a huge emphasis on this to improve the quality of the children's writing. This half term, they will be looking at conjunctions and how they can be used in their writing. In Spellings, the children will be learning spelling rules and investigating suffixes, such as 'ed', 'er' and 'est'. The children will also be expected to continue practising to learn their weekly spelling words sent home, ready for our weekly spelling dictation when we test these words and also spellings from previous weeks.</p>
Maths	We will look at addition and subtraction methods and how we can link addition to subtraction. Children will also compare numbers and investigate 3-D shapes.
Science	In Science, the children will be focusing on working scientifically: observing, asking questions, performing simple tests, offering answers to questions and gathering and recording information. We will learn about the works of Isaac Newton and Alexander Graham Bell.
Computing	<p>We will continue to focus on Coding using the iPads. The children will also have the opportunity to use ipads to enhance their English work on traditional tales.</p> <p><b>Please see: <a href="http://espressocoding.co.uk">espressocoding.co.uk</a></b> Username: Student 22386 Password: davyhulme Please look at our school website to access our Year 1 and 2 Blogs.</p>
Topic	The Hawk and Boobook Owls' topic this half term is 'Our Island Home': an opportunity to learn about our continents, the countries that make up the United Kingdom and the town in which we live. The Year Two Eagle Owls' topic this term is 'Let's Celebrate' and during the term the children will be learning about the history of festivals and celebrations that happen around the world.
R.E/Values	Through the strands, 'Expressing, Believing and Living', children will enjoy activities that link to our monthly values, as recorded in the planners.
Art/D.T.	In the main, children will focus on designing and creating puppets during these lessons.
P.E.	The children will work on simple sequences in gymnastics: travelling, balances and jumps, and will start to include turns and spins. They will also have Street-dance with the dance instructor on Fridays.
Homework	<p>Every day: Reading &amp; comprehension (Home reading books and/or Bug Club for on-line books and comprehension).</p> <p>Thursday - Weekly spellings</p> <p>On occasion, other topic related homework will be issued.</p>

**Useful  
information  
for Parents**

**Parents' Information**

In order to support your child's learning at home, here are a few ideas you might like to try:

- Listen, read and discuss with your child the book they are reading at the moment. Please listen to your child read every night and record in their planner.
- Use Bug Club. Your child has a Bug Club 'basket' full of on-line books to be enjoyed as well as offering comprehension exercises too.
- Play number games, counting forwards and backwards from different start numbers.
- Play traditional board games
- Visit your local library and make use of the books, CDs and videos they offer, especially the ones related to your child's topic.
- Practise your child's spellings with them - they will have a list of spellings to learn each Thursday for a test the following week.
- Practise your child's high frequency/key words (high frequency/key words are found in your child's planner) and common exception words (found below). Year 2 children need to be able to read and spell all high frequency/key words and common exception words by the end of Key Stage 1 (July 2018).

**KS1 Common Exception Words**

Year 1			Year 2			
the	they	one	door	gold	plant	clothes
a	be	once	floor	hold	path	busy
do	he	asked	poor	told	bath	people
to	me	friend	because	find	every	hour
today	she	school	kind	great	move	again
of	we	put	mind	break	prove	half
said	no	push	behind	steak	improve	money
says	go	pull	child	pretty	sugar	Mr
are	so	full	children	beautiful	eye	Mrs
were	by	house	wild	after	could	parents
was	my	our	climb	fast	should	Christmas
is	here		most	last	would	everybody
his	there		only	past	who	even
has	where		both	father	whole	
I	love		old	class	any	
you	come		cold	grass	many	
your	some			pass		