

SPRING NEWSLETTER

Year 1

Dates for your diary

Half-Term	13/02/17- 17/02/17
World Book Day	02/03/17
World Maths	13/03/17
Woolley Furs Trip	14/03/17 Or 15/03/17
Red Nose Day	17/03/17
Easter Holidays	03/04/17 - 17/04/17



Welcome back...

Happy New Year—we hope that you have all had a lovely Christmas break!

We would like to take this opportunity to kindly remind you of our school rules and expectations:

- **Attendance:** It is essential that your child attends school every day. If they are ill, parents are expected to phone the office on the morning of the first day of absence, and every day thereafter.
- **Uniform:** Children should take pride in their appearance and come to school wearing the correct Montem Academy uniform. Please remember that your child should not wear any jewellery to school. On the days that your child has PE, they should have the correct PE kit (light blue Montem t-shirt, black/navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms and sensible trainers or plimsolls).
- **Homework:** In Year 1 we have a high expectation of homework. It is very important that we work together so that your child can consolidate their skills at home. Please also ensure that you sign your child's contact diary every day after listening to them read.

READING AT HOME—Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that children **should be reading** every night and they need to have their reading book signed. This should be happening every night including the weekend.



ACHIEVEMENTS



We would like to say a HUGE well done to all of the children as they have worked very hard so far this year!

Reading

Zainab Ali
Naima Brigden
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Inaya Viqas



Writing

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Maya Dworak
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Ayman Ramin
Pawel Szuk



Maths

Mikolaj Sacko
Maya Carpenter
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Zahra Mahmood
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Syed-Muhammed Jamil
Ayaan Mirza



English

In Literacy this term we will be concentrating on the following areas

- **Traditional Tales** - we will be reading and comparing different fairy tales. We will act them out and write about the characters and stories
- **VCOP** - we are focussing on improving our writing by breaking down the required skills into:

Vocabulary: using interesting words to make our writing more interesting:

Connectives: using words such as 'and', and 'because' to join sentences together.

Openers: Using different words and phrases to start each sentence to make the writing more interesting.

Punctuation: Ensuring that capital letters and full stops are used correctly.

Art/D.T.

In Art and Design we will be drawing, designing and then making houses. This will be linked to our history topic. Please look, with your child, at the houses around where you live and discuss the different types that you see.



Geography

This term we will be learning about "where we live." This topic involves looking at the atlases and finding where our country is, towns and cities in the UK and discussing where we live.



Mathematics

Numbers to 40 — counting to 40, place value (how many tens and ones in a number) and how much more or less.

Addition and Subtraction word problems—looking at the problem and writing number sentences to help solve the problem.

Multiplication— making equal groups and doubles.

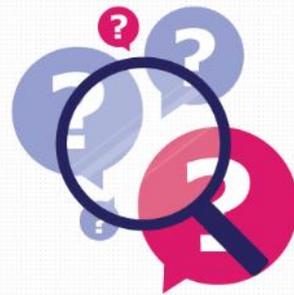
Division—grouping equally and sharing equally.

Fractions—making halves and making equal groups.

You can help at home by:

Counting at home up to 40 and back down. How many tens and ones are in a number.

Please go on the "Mymaths" website to practise work set by your teacher. BBC bitesize is also a good website. Ask your children about the methods taught.



P.E./Games

This term your child will be developing valuable skills that they will need throughout their life; such as team work and problem solving through playing a number of games.



Science

Materials

We have started the term by looking at different, everyday materials and what objects are made from.

Please discuss what things are made from around the house



History

We have already begun our topic on 'Homes'. The children are learning to name the different types of homes such as: detached, terraced, bungalow.



