

## SPRING NEWSLETTER

### Year 1

#### Dates for your diary

Term start	05.01.17
Half Term	12.02.18 - 16.02.18
Nature Dis-covery center	TBC
Red Nose Day	24.03.18
Last day of Term	30.03.18

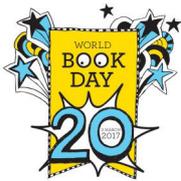
#### Welcome back...

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:

- 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.
- 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 or Drama, they should have the correct PE kit. This is either a sky blue Montem logo t-shirt, black/navy shorts or track-suit bottoms and sensible trainers or plimsolls.
- 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.

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
**1st MARCH**



## 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

Noorfatima Ejaz, Anam Abbasi, Aishah Abass, Rania Omer, Rose Abid-Ali, Ayaan Mohammad, Aisha Omar, Sinead Cooley, Scarlett Fallon, Denisa Dragusin, Yusha Viqas, Hooriya Zaman.

#### Writing

Elizabeth Monu, Andrea Mace, Javaarn Williams, Abdulmateen Chapra, Lily Halucha, Chawan Ismail, Jakub Kowalczyk, Azaan Khaljl Butt, Zakariya Nazir, Robert Sangarathas, Tegal Wagh, Zarah Zubair.

#### Maths

Olivia Malek, Raunak Chhetri, Menaal Awan, Mairaj Cheema, Huzaifah Muhammad Rana, Omar Haqjo, Natan Wdowiak, Maria Radu, Hasan Mughal, Jordan Davies, Manasseh Asenso, Devesh Nagula.



## English

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

- **Traditional Tales** We will be reading and comparing different fairytales. 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

## 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.

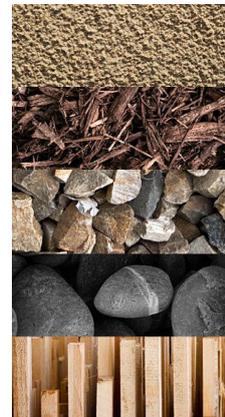
## Science

### Materials

We have started by looking at different materials and what objects are made from.



Please discuss what things are made from around the house.



## Foundation Subjects

### Art/Design

In Art and Design we will be drawing, designing then making houses.

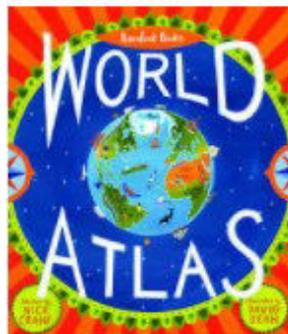


This will be linked to our history topic. Please look at the houses around where you live.



### 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.



### History

We will start our topic on 'Homes' later in the term. The children will be learning to name the different types of homes such as: detached, terraced, bungalow.



### PE/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.



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