



Beagle Class
Mrs Cooke
Mrs Camisa



Bounty Class
Mrs Challis
Mrs Halom



Victory Class
Mr Edwards /
Mrs Newman
Miss Pearce

Dear Parent and Carers

Welcome back after Christmas. We have planned lots of opportunities for children to apply their learning this term, with some texts that we know the children enjoy. Details of the spring term topic are overleaf.

We look forward to working with your children as well as with you. As always, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day, **and remember you are welcome to drop in on a Friday morning at 8.2am to read with your child.**

Spring Term Events

Monday 8th January 2018 3.30pm - NCTs discussion in the large hall (*No need to complete a form*)

Monday 8th January 2018 6.00pm - NCTs discussion (*Please complete a form if you wish to attend and location to be confirmed based on response.*)

W/C 5th February 2018– Mock NCTs week

W/C 14th May 2018 – NCT Week

If any dates have to be changed, or other events are planned, we will notify you in the weekly newsletter.

P.E. Kit

Although P.E. lessons are taught as follows, please ensure your child's kit is in school at all times as teachers can sometimes reschedule lessons if weather doesn't allow them to teach it on their timetabled day.

Beagle: Tuesday Wednesday Thursday
Bounty: Monday Tuesday Thursday
Victory: Monday Tuesday Thursday

Websites at home

Continue to use Mathletics at home as well as at school. It will help to increase the speed of your calculations and help you revise topics and skills taught in school as well as help your class earn points towards earning the weekly trophy.

Please remember your child is free to access Abacus from home at www.activelearnprimary.co.uk, where they have allocations already waiting for them to complete. Reading with your child at home is still very important. Please feel free to write in your child's reading record about what they have read at home.

Mock NCTs

During the week beginning 5th February 2018, the children will sit tests in a similar way to the actual NCTs, so they are prepared for what will happen in May. The results of these tests will be shared with parents/carers at parents evening and used to help identify any areas that they need extra support with. We ask that children are in school all week and punctual. If any child is absent during the week, they will be asked to sit these tests at another time when they return.

NCT (SATs)

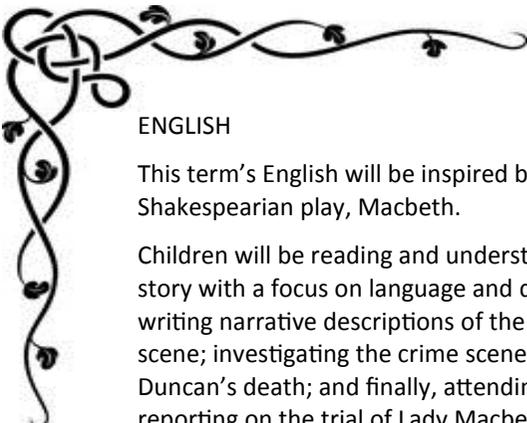
During the week beginning 14th May, your children will be taking their National Curriculum Tests. For more information, please attend one of the meetings on 8th January 2018 or feel free to pop into school to talk to your class teacher.

Early Work

As a reminder, the doors are open from 8.35am, where the children have an early work task waiting for them. This contributes to your child's learning so please try to be punctual.

As always, we are looking forward to working together over the coming term and if you have any questions, please feel free to come into school and talk to your child's teacher.

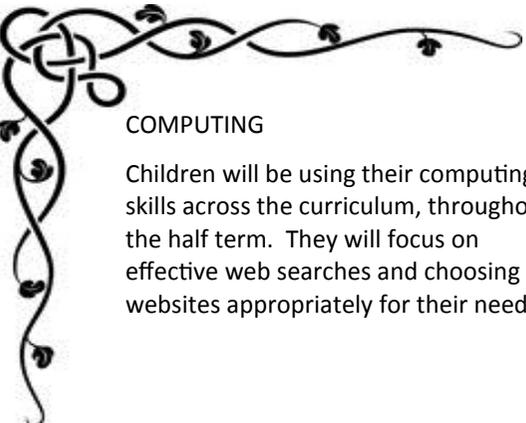
The year 6 team



ENGLISH

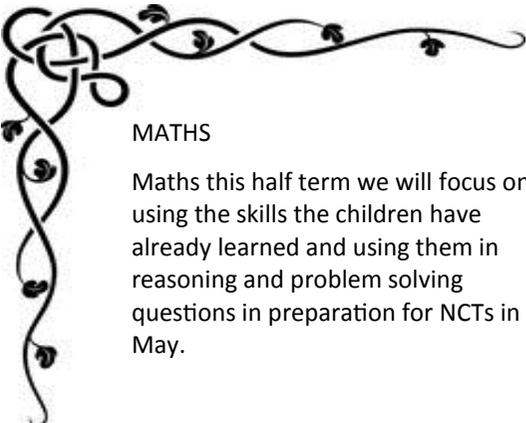
This term's English will be inspired by the Shakespearian play, Macbeth.

Children will be reading and understanding the story with a focus on language and description; writing narrative descriptions of the opening scene; investigating the crime scene of King Duncan's death; and finally, attending and reporting on the trial of Lady Macbeth and Macbeth himself to decide on who is ultimately responsible for deaths in the story.



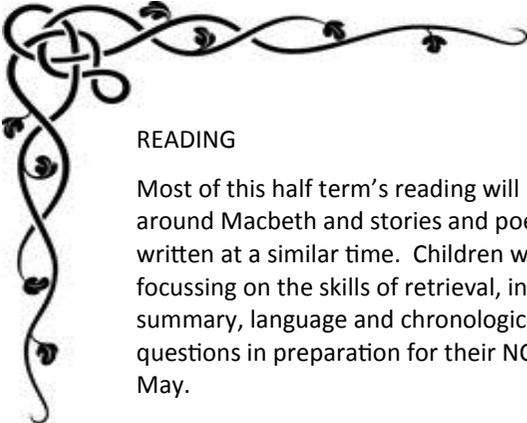
COMPUTING

Children will be using their computing skills across the curriculum, throughout the half term. They will focus on effective web searches and choosing websites appropriately for their needs.

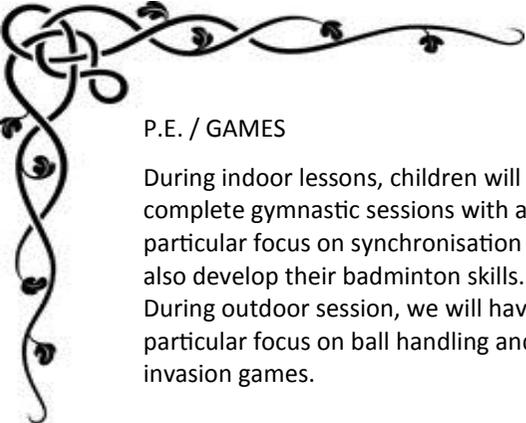


MATHS

Maths this half term we will focus on using the skills the children have already learned and using them in reasoning and problem solving questions in preparation for NCTs in May.



Something wicked this way comes ...



READING

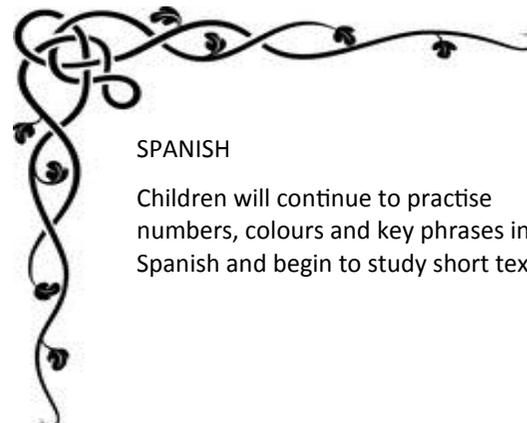
Most of this half term's reading will be based around Macbeth and stories and poems written at a similar time. Children will be focussing on the skills of retrieval, inference, summary, language and chronological questions in preparation for their NCTs in May.

MUSIC

The children will be learning and rehearsing Shakespearian songs, with particular focus on singing in unison and harmonising.

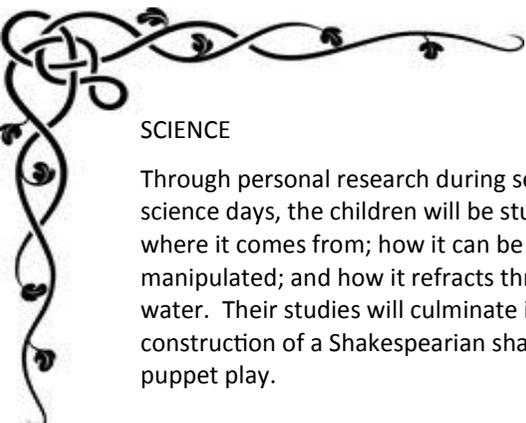
P.E. / GAMES

During indoor lessons, children will complete gymnastic sessions with a particular focus on synchronisation and also develop their badminton skills. During outdoor session, we will have a particular focus on ball handling and invasion games.



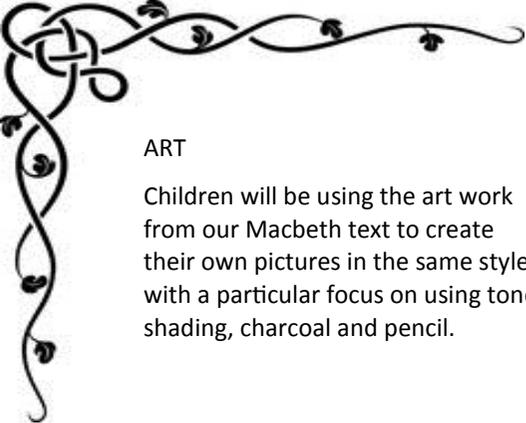
SPANISH

Children will continue to practise numbers, colours and key phrases in Spanish and begin to study short texts.



SCIENCE

Through personal research during several science days, the children will be studying light; where it comes from; how it can be manipulated; and how it refracts through water. Their studies will culminate in the construction of a Shakespearian shadow puppet play.



ART

Children will be using the art work from our Macbeth text to create their own pictures in the same style with a particular focus on using tone, shading, charcoal and pencil.