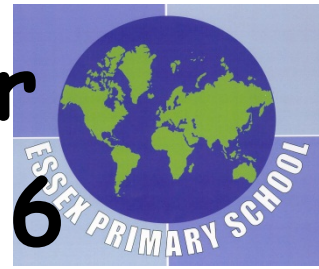


Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2016



We have many fun and interesting activities planned for our Year 1 this Autumn term, including learning how to make puppets in Art & Design; using programmable toys in Computing; 'Speak Up!' activities to improve grammar and speaking skills, including a poetry recital; and an opportunity to investigate different materials in Science. During this term we will be visiting the Museum of Childhood. This is linked to learning about old and new toys (History). They will also have an opportunity to explore toys from different countries.

Homework

Good communication between home and school is vital for our children's well-being and development. Please comment on the homework to let us know how your child found the level of challenge. Our aim is to provide homework that challenges as well as consolidates learning that has taken place during the school week.

Reading We are keen for the children to progress through the Oxford Reading Scheme successfully this year. To do this they need to read aloud daily to an adult.

Spellings Weekly spellings should be practised at home in readiness for the dictation on a Friday. Ask your child to use the word in a sentence to check that they understand its meaning.

Literacy A writing task is given based on the week's teaching and learning.

Numeracy Activities are given based on the unit of work taught that week.

Speak Up! A poem will be given to children to be learned off by heart during each half term.

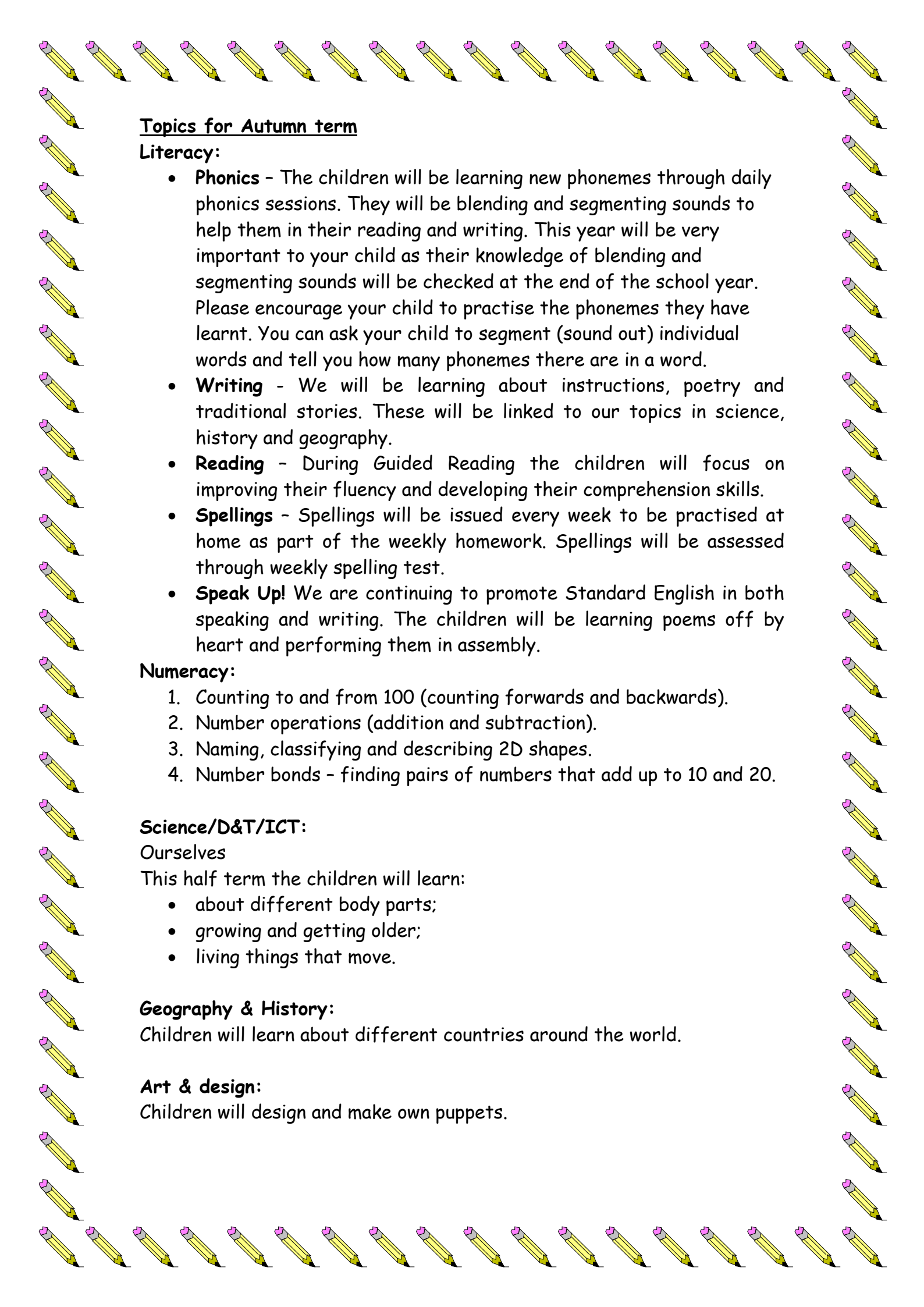
PE days

1S: Thursday & Friday

1R: Monday & Wednesday

1J: Tuesday & Wednesday

1T: Tuesday & Wednesday



Topics for Autumn term

Literacy:

- **Phonics** - The children will be learning new phonemes through daily phonics sessions. They will be blending and segmenting sounds to help them in their reading and writing. This year will be very important to your child as their knowledge of blending and segmenting sounds will be checked at the end of the school year. Please encourage your child to practise the phonemes they have learnt. You can ask your child to segment (sound out) individual words and tell you how many phonemes there are in a word.
- **Writing** - We will be learning about instructions, poetry and traditional stories. These will be linked to our topics in science, history and geography.
- **Reading** - During Guided Reading the children will focus on improving their fluency and developing their comprehension skills.
- **Spellings** - Spellings will be issued every week to be practised at home as part of the weekly homework. Spellings will be assessed through weekly spelling test.
- **Speak Up!** We are continuing to promote Standard English in both speaking and writing. The children will be learning poems off by heart and performing them in assembly.

Numeracy:

1. Counting to and from 100 (counting forwards and backwards).
2. Number operations (addition and subtraction).
3. Naming, classifying and describing 2D shapes.
4. Number bonds - finding pairs of numbers that add up to 10 and 20.

Science/D&T/ICT:

Ourselves

This half term the children will learn:

- about different body parts;
- growing and getting older;
- living things that move.

Geography & History:

Children will learn about different countries around the world.

Art & design:

Children will design and make own puppets.



RE linked to PSHCE:

The main theme of the unit this half term is 'Belonging'. The children will be given the opportunity to reflect on belonging to religious and social groups. They will be learning about New Beginnings. This theme focuses on developing children's knowledge, understanding and skills of empathy, self-awareness, social skills and motivation.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask the Year 1 Teachers: Mrs Shaikh, Ms Ruperte, Mr O'Shea and Mrs Thacker.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children this year.

Warm regards,

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