

Autumn 2 2017- This half term KS1 (Y1 & Y2) will be learning about the following topics:

English	We will be learning about the Circus. We will be writing newspaper reports, diary entries in role as circus performers and creating fact files about clowns. We will be practising using punctuation (? ! ,) accurately in our writing. We will be revising the different spelling patterns for the long vowel phonemes and using conjunctions (and/because/but/or/if/when/that) to extend sentences. We will continue the term by looking at 'I want my hat back' by Jon Klassen and writing our own narratives. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions.
Reading Records	The children will bring home a book from the book corner twice a week. Please read and discuss the book with your child. Parents must record in the reading records every time they read at home. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record inside every day. The reading books for Elm and Oak will be changed every Monday and Friday.
Phonics	Phonics will be taught every day and this will be consolidated in Literacy and weekly spellings. Spellings will be sent home every Friday and tested the following week. We will focus on the Year 1/2 spelling rules and patterns.
Maths	We will be looking at place value and exploring different strategies for addition & subtraction. We will also learn about money and solving real life word problems. We will be practising telling the time and using different units of measurement. We will also explore the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Every Friday, during lunchtime, the children have the opportunity to be tested on their times tables and receive badges based on the times tables that they can quickly recall in any order. Please encourage your child to learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
Science	Our topic this half term is Materials. We will be exploring different materials and discussing their properties as well as investigating materials which are waterproof.
Computing	The children will be developing their animation skills further by using an app called iMotion.
IPC	This half term our topic will be based on the IPC (International Primary Curriculum) unit of The Circus is Coming to Town. As part of this unit we will be learning about the history of the circus and famous clowns.
Design & Technology	We will be designing and making our own circus tents linked to our science learning on Materials.
P.E.	Elm and Oak will have PE on a Thursday morning with the coaches Shakil and Dan. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt or top and black trainers or plimsolls. This term the focus will be on Invasion Games.
Music	KS1 will have recorder lessons every Tuesday.
R.E.	This term we will be learning about the Christian faith and working on our Christmas Production.
P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be Changes. Our core value focus is Responsibility.
Homework	A variety of cross curricular homework tasks will be assigned at the start of the half term. Each week your child will select one task to complete, to be returned by Thursday. Children should continue to learn their times tables , which will be tested on a regular basis and additional maths homework will be assigned on the Mathletics website, for which each child has their own username and password. Children should also learn spellings which will be sent home on Friday and tested the following week.
Key dates	Tuesday 7 th – Friday 10 th November 2017 - Scholastic Book Fair open from 08:30 – 09:00am and 3:30 – 4:00pm Monday 13 th November 2017 - Anti-Bullying Week – All Different, All Equal Friday 24 th November 2017 - Y2 SATs meeting for parents at 3:40pm Thursday 7 th December 2017 – EYFS & KS1 Christmas production 'It's a Baby' at 2:00pm Friday 8 th December 2017 - Computer Science Education - Hour of Code Wednesday 13 th December 2017 – Mufti day for Christmas Fair and Christmas Lunch Saturday 16 th December 2017 - Christmas fayre organised by PTA at 3:30pm

	<p>Monday 18th December 2017 – Christmas Jumper Day. NO Enrichment Clubs this week</p> <p>Tuesday 19th December 2017 - End of term Christmas/Winter class parties pm. Parents to provide snacks.</p> <p>Wednesday 20th December 2017 - Last day of term. School finishes at 2:00pm. No ASC today.</p> <p>We will continue to hold Reading Together sessions every Friday morning from 9:00—9:20am. Please do try and attend.</p>
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If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see the KS1 team. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

KS1 Team

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