

Highbury Primary School

Year 2

Spring 1



Dear Parent/Guardians

During this half term we will be exploring the question of 'How can we bring a story to life?' We will be reading a range of traditional tales and using these to help our story writing skills. **We start with a dress up day on Weds 9th Jan. Please come as your favourite traditional tale character. We will also be walking to the library on this day, so dress warmly.**

During English lessons we will begin by looking at how to create a character and setting description as well as our T4W for one of the tales. We will be designing and drawing our own amazing characters and using these to write our character descriptions. We will then use our characters to create fabulous stories.

In Maths we will continue our learning with division and then move on to some statistics, linking this with our Science work. Later, we will look at shapes and their properties as well as fraction work. You can support your child at home by practising how to solve multiplication and division questions, particularly by using Times Tables Rock Stars regularly.

In our theme lessons we will learn about our environment and the plants we can find there. We will be studying the weather and recording patterns over time to link with our statistic work. We will listen to music from our traditional tales and the films about them and respond to them in our own ways, possibly with art work.

The children will have PE daily so please provide them with the correct school PE kit (red t-shirt and black shorts; tracksuits can be worn in colder weather) which they are able to change into quickly, including suitable footwear with fastenings they can manage independently. Please make sure that your child has their kit in school **every day** in a suitable drawstring bag that they can hang on their peg. These can be purchased from the office. Please make sure that **all clothing is NAMED CLEARLY**. The kits will be sent home to wash at weekends as well as during the holidays. Please also provide you child with a named water bottle.

Please don't forget Forest School every other Friday, see Mrs Fuller's timetable. The children will need a full change of clothes and wellingtons please.

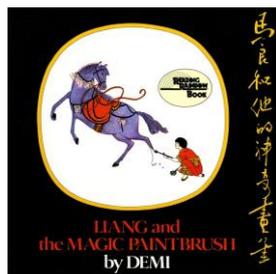
As you can see the children have an exciting curriculum. We ask that you support your child by **continuing to hear them read each day at home**, as this will help them make progress. Literacy and Maths homework will be set each week on a Friday which will include spellings. Please ensure that this is brought back to school by Wednesday to allow time for it to be marked. Encouraging your child to **complete their homework** each week will ensure they practise skills learnt in class.

Lastly, talk is a great tool for learning so please encourage your child to talk about what they have done each day and about the above themes at home.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Taylor and Miss Wride

Christmas Challenge:



For your Christmas homework we would like you to select your favourite traditional tale character and create an item for our display board or classroom. This could be a picture, a model or could be a character description.

We hope you have a very Happy Christmas. **Keep reading. Don't forget Bug Club and Times Tables Rock Stars.**