

**Literacy**

This half term, we will be learning all about Shakespeare. We will be focusing on the play, *The Tempest*. The children will have the opportunity to explore and comment on the thoughts and feelings of different characters, write character descriptions, act out scenes from the play, form their own opinions on the text and describe different settings.

In STA Loves Reading we will continue to learn about predicting, clarifying and inferring.

**How can you help at home?**

When reading with your children ask them to explain what has happened in the story and clarify any unfamiliar words. You can also ask them to predict what will happen next.

**Numeracy**

This half term, the children will be representing numbers within 40 in multiple ways. We will also be practising adding and subtracting 1-digit and 2-digit numbers. We will be using a range of resources such as bead strings, dienes and number lines.

We will also be exploring measure through length, weight and volume. Children will be encouraged to describe, compare, and solve practical problems involving these measures. We will be using non-standard and standard to help us estimate and compare different objects.

**How can you help at home?**

- Practise reading, writing and representing numbers to 40.

Encourage children to estimate weight/length of objects around the house.

**RE**

What Hinduism teaches us about good and evil.

**Key Routines**

**Monday:** Children are to change into their P.E. kits at school (white t-shirt, navy bottoms and plimsolls).

**Thursday:** Bring in completed homework

**Friday:** New homework goes out,  
Reading with parents: 8:55am to 9:15am

**Key Dates**

**Thu - 2<sup>nd</sup> March - World Book Day - Shakespearean Dress-up and Performance by Museum of London**

**Thu - 16<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Open Afternoon - 3.30pm to 7.00pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> March - trip to the Barbican**

**Tue 21<sup>st</sup> March - Parents Open Afternoon - 3.30pm to 6.00pm**

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Charity Dress-up event 'Make your Laugh Matter'**

**W/B 27<sup>th</sup> March - Shakespearean performance by children for parents - date & time to be confirmed**

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March - Last Day of Term - 1.00pm finish**

**Homework**

Encourage your child to take pride in their work by keeping it neat and presentable.

Homework will be set every Friday and is expected to come back by the following Thursday

**How you can help your child at home**

Please read with your child every day and ask them questions related to the text. If you are unsure when your child is to bring their book bag please ask a member of staff.



**Year 1**

**Redwood & Sycamore**

**Spring Term 2017**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half**

**Staff in Class**

**Cariad Gurden & Liz Morpurgo  
(Class Teachers)**

**Carolina Franco & Jackie Webb**

**(Teaching Assistants)**

**In Art, we'll be finding out:**

- how to design our own Elizabethan style costumes.
- How to use different materials to create a collage.

**In Music, we'll be finding out:**

- different instruments used in Shakespeare's time
- Practicing songs for musical performance at the Barbican

**In Physical Education, we'll be finding out:**

- dances from Elizabethan times

**Shakespeare**

**Spring Term 2**

**Year 1**



**In History, we'll be finding out:**

- the different styles of dress worn by people in Elizabethan times.
- Different types of food and drink enjoyed in Shakespeare's day.
- The differences between schools in Elizabethan times compared with today.

**In Science, we'll be finding out:**

- Asking scientific questions
- Compare different materials
- Experiments to answer scientific questions