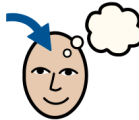










	<p><b>Teacher's Message</b></p>	<p>Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely half term. This half term will be a busy one as we get ever closer to SATS week. We will have a second parents evening the week beginning 17th March when we can discuss more about how your child is getting on, but should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact one of us straight away.</p>
	<p><b>Homework</b></p>	<p><u>Set on a Wednesday and collected in on a Tuesday (Dojos are awarded for an early hand in)</u>  <u>Please note, if homework is not handed in then your child will be expected to attend homework club on a Tuesday lunchtime.</u>  <u>Homework handed in after a Tuesday will often not be marked because of the time involved.</u></p> <p><u>English:</u>          The children will be set a grammar worksheet linking into gaps identified. Each week, the children receive a list of up to 10 words which will focus on practising spelling rules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Weekly spelling tests take place on Wednesdays.</li> <li>→ Please make sure regular practice takes place at home.</li> <li>→ The children are provided with 'Look, cover, write, check' sheets to aid practice.</li> </ul> <p><u>Maths:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A half arithmetic maths practise SATs paper will be sent home weekly.</li> </ul> <p><u>Reading:</u> Children should read for a minimum of ten minutes every evening.</p>
	<p><b>Reading for Pleasure</b></p>	<p>This half term we will continue reading 'Thief' by Malorie Blackman. We also share a poem for pleasure every Wednesday.</p>
	<p><b>Writing</b></p>	<p>The writing focus is centred around Shackleton's Journey. Their final piece of writing will be a journal entry and the children will need to evidence that they can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distinguish between the language of speech and writing</li> <li>• Recognise vocabulary and structures for formal speech and writing, including subjunctive forms</li> <li>• Use passive verbs</li> <li>• Use semi-colons to mark boundaries between independent clauses</li> </ul> <p>We will also be stepping up the focus on punctuation and grammar to ensure children are able to confidently define terms and have the appropriate understanding at year 6 level.</p>

	<b>Maths</b>	<p>This half term the children will be learning about area, perimeter, volume and statistics. We will continue to daily practice arithmetic skills and the children will be tackling a wide range of problem solving and reasoning activities.</p>
	<b>RE</b>	<p>During Spring 2 we will soon be entering the season of lent. We will be beginning a new unit called 'Desert to Garden' as part of following the RED program.</p> <p>This unit focuses on the build up to Easter and the children will learn about lent, as well as the end of Jesus' life. The children will also be deepening their understanding of sacraments, in particular exploring the sacrament of the sick and the sacrament of reconciliation.</p>
	<b>Science</b>	<p>This half term our focus moves to Evolution and Inheritance. We start the unit by thinking about what features we have inherited from our parents and which of our traits are individual to us. Through this unit, we will also learn about the Theory of Evolution before moving into adaptation. We will also learn how fossils have provided scientists with key information about a range of species.</p>
	<b>Geography</b>	<p>This half term the children will be looking at immigration and emigration, exploring the push and pull factors that cause people to move.</p>
	<b>RHE</b>	<p>This half term we finish our unit on reproduction in the first couple of weeks. We then move onto a 'Careers' unit of work. We will have a variety of guest speakers in to talk about their jobs in short question and answer sessions to help us to understand the world of work. Children will also have the opportunity to take part in the 'what job is for me?' quiz.</p>
	<b>PE</b>	<p>PE lessons will continue to be held on Tuesdays and Fridays, with Friday's lesson taught by a Premier Sports coach. The children will be participating in a 'Net and wall' unit which will involve a range of different ball and throwing exercises.</p> <p><b>Make sure / check your child brings in their PE kit each week. Please make sure it is labelled with their name and surname.</b></p>
	<b>Music</b>	<p>In music, the children will be continuing to work with Mr Hopkins on a Friday to secure their understanding using the ukulele and recorder. In addition to continuing to learn the two musical instruments, the children will be attempting to read different types of music whilst continuing to sing different pieces of music together.</p>
	<b>Teacher contact:</b>	<p><i>Class 6 Dojo Page.</i></p> <p><i>We will regularly update Dojo with reminders and information about the class. Please do not hesitate to use this platform to communicate with either one of us.</i></p> <p><i>Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30 am - 3.15 pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office <a href="mailto:office@olsp.uk">office@olsp.uk</a> during the school day.</i></p>

		<i>There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to emails or class dojo messages received after 6 pm or at the weekend.</i>
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Mrs O'Sullivan and Mrs Blatchford