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	<p>Homework</p>	<p>Reading: Reading will be our main focus for homework. Phonics groups: The children who are currently part of a phonics group should bring home a bookbag book which you can share together as it will be a new book. They should also bring home a smaller phonics book which they will have read 3 times within their group so should be familiar with. The children were assessed before the end of the year and know their groups for this half-term. Children on AR: Those children that are now reading AR (Accelerated Reader) books need to be reading at home and quizzing in school. Each morning, they will have the opportunity to quiz in school on a chrome book. Spellings: Phonics groups: Within the smaller phonics books that the children will bring home, it highlights (circles at the front) the sounds we are focusing on in class, the speedy green words and red words. Please look at these together. Children on AR and not in a phonics group: These children will receive weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar homework. This will be sent home on a Friday.</p>
	<p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>This half term as a class, we will be continuing our love of Roald Dahl books in Mars Class. We will be reading Matilda. Again, this is a fantastic book and I am sure that the children will thoroughly enjoy listening to it.</p>
	<p>English</p>	<p>This half-term in English, we will be firstly completing our unit of work on the book, 'Stuck'. The children thoroughly enjoyed this book before the half-term and this week they will be writing their own story based on it. Later in the half-term we will be reading the book, 'How to Catch Santa'.</p>

	Maths	<p>Year 1: In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be looking at addition and subtraction within 10 and 2D and 3D shapes.</p> <p>Year 2: Year 2 will be looking at addition and subtraction and properties of shapes.</p>
	RE	In RE we are using the Come and See programme and our topic is, 'Advent/Christmas'. We will be thinking about waiting and whether it is always difficult to wait.
	Science	In Science this half-term, we are learning about everyday materials. The children will be learning about the properties of different materials and describing these. They will also be investigating which materials would be the best to use to make a boat. This will include testing materials to see if our predictions were correct.
	Geography	In Geography this half-term, we will be thinking about our locality and where we live. The children will be using maps, thinking about physical and human features, giving and receiving directions and making their own treasure map.
	History	Not a lead subject
	Art	Not a lead subject
	Design Technology	<p>In DT this half-term, we will be focusing on mechanisms.</p> <p>Oh no, it's Christmas Eve and Santa's reindeer have fallen asleep! Santa needs to finish delivering presents along this street so that everyone has presents for the morning. Can you design a sleigh that Santa can use to move along the street to deliver the last of the presents?</p> <p>The children will be designing and making a sleigh with wheels to help Santa.</p>
	RSHE	In RSHE this half term, we will be learning about keeping safe on firework night, hazards in the home, medicines and taking care of our teeth. We will also be thinking about the power of kindness just before Christmas.
	PE	The children will have two PE lessons a week and will need to make sure that they have their PE kits available in school. On Thursdays, PE will be with Miss Humphrey with a focus on sending and receiving. On Fridays, it will be with Mr Selley focusing on invasion games.
	Computing	During our computing lessons this half-term, the children will be learning about algorithms. They will learn that decomposition means breaking a problem down into smaller parts and they will be able to use this to solve unplugged challenges.

	Music	Mr Hopkins will be teaching Class 1/2 for Music this half term, where they will be singing and learning to play many different instruments. They will also be learning the songs for our Nativity.								
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	Teacher contact:	<p>Please come and see me if you have any worries or concerns. If this isn't possible then please contact me through Class Dojo.</p> <p><i>Please note that teachers are teaching from 8.30am - 3.15pm. If your contact is urgent please contact the school office office@olsp.uk during the school day.</i></p> <p><i>There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to email or class dojo messages received in the evenings or at the weekend.</i></p>								