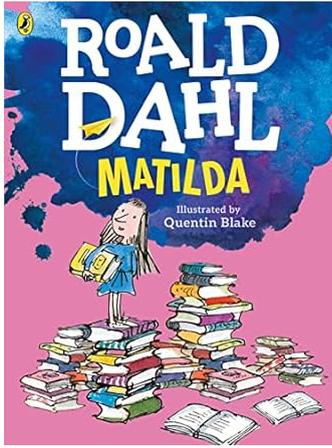




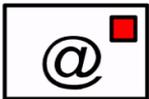
	<p>Teacher's Message</p>	<p>Welcome back after the Christmas holidays, I hope everyone had a fantastic Christmas. Happy New Year to you all! As always, we have a jam packed half-term ahead of us with lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children, including our dinosaur and fossil hunting workshop on Friday 12th January.</p>
	<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 Christmas 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 book from last half term, Matilda by Roald Dahl.</p> 
	<p>English</p>	<p>This half-term in English, we will be firstly reading the story, 'Boa's Bad Birthday.' After this, we will be focussing on an information text called, 'Weather'. Two very different books which will allow the children to write both fiction and non-fiction texts.</p>
	<p>Maths</p>	<p>Year 1: In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be looking at numbers to 50 and addition and subtraction. Year 2: Year 2 will be looking at properties of shapes, money and</p>

		multiplication.
	RE	In RE we are using the Come and See programme and our topic is, 'Special people'. We will be thinking about what makes a person special.
	Science	In Science this half-term, we are learning about seasonal changes. We will be describing seasonal changes, identifying signs of winter and how the day length varies from autumn to winter.
	Geography	Not a lead subject
	History	In History this half term, we will be learning about kings, queens and castles. This will include learning about some of the kings and queens of England and where they lived.
	Art	In Art this half term, the children will be exploring different types of media to express themselves. Having learnt about the different types of media, the children will choose one to create their own self portrait.
	Design Technology	Not a lead subject
	RSHE	In RSHE this half term, we will be following the Ten:Ten life to the full modules. We will be thinking about special people, treating others well, saying sorry, keeping safe, good secrets and bad secrets, physical contact, harmful substances and who can help me.
	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 fitness. On Fridays, it will be with Mr Selley focusing on gymnastics.
	Computing	During our computing lessons this half-term, the children will be learning to: use a computer to make a list, use a basic range of tools on graphic editing software, sequence instructions and follow instructions.
	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.



**Upcoming
dates/events**

3rd January 2024	Spring Term Starts
12th January 2024	9am - 11.30am Dinosaur and Fossil Hunting Workshop
2nd February 2024	3pm Friends Cake Sale
5th-11th February 2024	Childrens' Mental Health Week
6th February	Safer Internet Day
12th February 2024	Half Term Holiday
19th February 2024	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)



**Teacher
contact:**

Please come and see me if you have any worries or concerns. If this isn't possible then please contact me through Class Dojo.

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.

There is no requirement for a teacher to reply to email or class dojo messages received in the evenings or at the weekend.