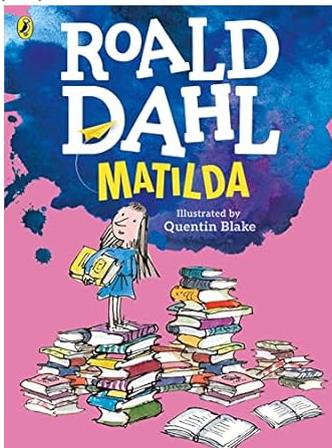
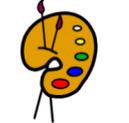




	<p><b>Teacher's Message</b></p>	<p>Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful week. This half term is once again quite short, so will be jam packed with lots of exciting learning taking place in Mars Class. This half-term will also see the start of our STEM project where we will be thinking about robotics!</p>
	<p><b>Homework</b></p>	<p><b>Reading:</b> Reading will be our main focus for homework.  <b>Phonics groups:</b> 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 half-term so they might have new groups this half-term.  <b>Children on AR:</b> 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.  <b>Spellings:</b>  <b>Phonics groups:</b> 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.  <b>Children on AR and not in a phonics group:</b> These children will receive weekly spelling, punctuation and grammar homework. This will be sent home on a Friday.</p>
	<p><b>Reading for Pleasure</b></p>	<p>We are still reading Matilda by Roald Dahl in class. This is a big book and is taking quite a while, but the children are enjoying hearing about what Matilda is up to. They particularly enjoyed hearing about the tricks she played on her dad.</p> 
	<p><b>English</b></p>	<p>This half-term in English, we will be firstly reading the non-fiction text, 'Weather' which links in really well with our learning in Science and Geography this half-term. After this, we will be focussing on a poetry book called, 'I love Bugs'. Two very different books which will allow the children to write both poetry and non-fiction texts.</p>

	<p><b>Maths</b></p>	<p>Year 1: In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be looking at numbers to 50 and length, height, mass and capacity. Year 2: Year 2 will be looking at multiplication and division and length and height.</p>
	<p><b>RE</b></p>	<p>In RE we are using the Come and See programme and our topic is, 'Special meals'. We will be thinking about the special meals that Catholics enjoy.</p>
	<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p>In Science this half-term, we will be continuing our learning on seasonal changes. We will be looking for signs of spring and recording spring weather data.</p>
	<p><b>Geography</b></p>	<p>In Geography this half-term, our topic will be 'Where we are'. The children will be learning about the UK. Whilst looking at the UK, we will be identifying rural, urban and coastal features and areas.</p>
	<p><b>History</b></p>	<p>Not a lead subject</p>
	<p><b>Art</b></p>	<p>Not a lead subject</p>
	<p><b>STEM</b></p>	<p>This half-term, DT and computing will be combined. We are going to be taking part in an exciting STEM project across the school. The children in Mars Class will be making robots, learning about robots and how they are used and using algorithms to programme different robots.</p>
	<p><b>RSHE</b></p>	<p>In RSHE this half term, we will be following the Ten:Ten life to the full modules. We will be thinking about harmful substances, who can help us and the jobs that people do.</p>
	<p><b>PE</b></p>	<p>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 target games. On Fridays, it will be with Mr Selley focusing on dance.</p>
	<p><b>Music</b></p>	<p>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.</p>



**Upcoming dates/events**

<b>19th February</b>	INSET Day (Non-Pupil)
<b>1st March</b>	St David's Day
<b>1st March</b>	St David's Day <b>3pm</b> Friends Cake Sale (Years 3 and 4)
<b>15th March</b>	<b>10am</b> Mass for St Patrick in School <b>5pm - 7.15pm</b> Friends St Patrick's Day Disco
<b>28th March</b>	Last day of Spring Term Friends Easter Non-Uniform and Easter Bonnet Competition
<b>15th April</b>	Summer Term Starts



**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](mailto: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.*