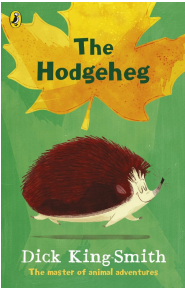
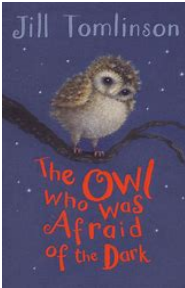





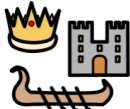









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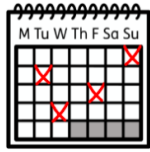
	<p>Teacher's Message</p>	<p>Welcome back, I hope everyone had an enjoyable break. This half term leading up to Easter is looking busy, with one trip and an internal visit currently planned. We will be taking the children to the Nature Reserve to learn about deciduous and evergreen trees and we will have an animal encounter in school to learn about animals in their habitats. More information will be sent home soon.</p>
	<p>Homework</p>	<p>Reading: Reading will continue to 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 reassessed before half-term 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>Last half-term we thoroughly enjoyed beginning "The Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith. We will be continuing with this over the next couple of weeks. Next, we will be reading 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark' by Jill Tomlinson.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
	<p>English</p>	<p>This half-term in English, we will be beginning a new unit of work based on the book, 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth'. This is a fantastic adventure book packed with facts. The children will be preparing to write their own story with a change of character.</p> 

	<p>Maths</p>	<p>Year 1: In Maths this half term, Year 1 will be looking at measures with a focus on length, height, mass and capacity. Year 2: Year 2 will be looking at measures with a focus on length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.</p>
	<p>RE</p>	<p>In RE, we will be focusing on Branch 4: Desert to Garden. The focus of this branch is to learn a little about the season of Lent as a time to prepare for Easter and to know the story of the last week of Jesus' life, his death, and resurrection. Children will experience Lent traditions as part of our school's prayer life and through the charitable activities in Lent as part of our school's Catholic life.</p>
	<p>Science</p>	<p>In Science, we are learning about seasonal changes and living things in their habitats. Seasons are learnt about during both year 1 and 2. This year the children will be learning about the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees. Whilst we are learning about living things and their habitats, the children will be exploring and comparing different habitats and how animals are suited to their habitats.</p>
	<p>Geography</p>	<p>Wonderful weather will be our focus in Geography this half term. We will be learning about the weather in the UK and comparing weather patterns in the UK and around the world. We will also be identifying differences between weather inland and on coastal regions.</p>
	<p>History</p>	<p>Not a lead subject</p>
	<p>Art</p>	<p>Not a lead subject</p>
	<p>Design Technology</p>	<p>Big question: Which joining technique is best for making a glove puppet? In this unit, the children will be looking at different types of puppets and using different joining techniques to make finger and glove puppets. During our sewing sessions, it would be great to have some adult helpers. Please lookout for dates on Dojo if you think this might be something you could help with.</p>
	<p>RSHE</p>	<p>In RSHE we will be looking at money, jobs, needs and wants. The children will begin learning the difference between a need and want. They will then consider how adults have to work to earn their money and have to choose what to spend their money on.</p>
	<p>PE</p>	<p>In PE this term we will be learning how to play some target games with Premier sports on Fridays. On Thursdays, we will be learning through dance with Miss Humphrey.</p>
	<p>Computing</p>	<p>Not a lead subject</p>



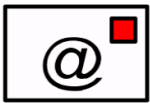
Music

Mr Hopkins will be teaching music this half-term. The children will be singing and having an introduction to many different instruments. They will be working on pulse, rhythm and having fun making music.



Upcoming dates/events

24th February	INSET Day (No Pupils)
27th February	9am - 12pm "animals2usouthwest" - Animal encounter (Science) Nursery, EYFS and KS1
5th March	2:30 - 3:30pm Ash Wednesday liturgy
6th March	World Book Day
10th March	Start of British Science Week
14th March	5 - 7:15pm St Patrick's school disco
17th March	10 - 11am KS2 to Mass for St Patrick's Day Parents evening
20th March	9:30-11:30am Y1/2 Mass. St Ignatius, Shaldon



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 after 6pm or at the weekend.