

Hello,  
It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the holidays and to be lucky to welcome some new faces to the class. They are looking very smart and grown up in their grey jumpers.  
Please could you check all clothing is named to reduce the chance of items being lost. Children are welcome to keep a drink with them to ensure they remain hydrated during the day. We just ask that this is water or flavoured water. Thank you.  
Should you need to get in contact please email or speak at the office to arrange a meeting.  
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We look forward to working with you this year.  
Mrs Wagstaff, Miss L, Mrs Nicklin and Mr Clayton.

### PSHE

This half-term the children are very fortunate to have Jack from Stockport County coming in each Monday afternoon to work with them. They will be learning about the importance of mental health and wellbeing, what they can do to improve their mental wellbeing and also how to ask and accept help themselves and also how to ask for help for those around them if they feel it would be of benefit.  
The children will also be taking part in Circle Time each week which will enable us to discuss a range of issues. These will range from thinking about what can be done around school to more global issues.



### PE

This will work slightly differently to previous years. On a Thursday afternoon the children will alternate between an afternoon of Forest School activities or an afternoon of sport. They will start with Forest School activities on 11<sup>th</sup> September.  
Their PE session will be on a Friday afternoon and this half-term the children will be doing gymnastics. They will be looking at a number of skills including straddle roll, forward roll and backward roll, bridge, shoulder stand, , cartwheel. We will also practise working safely and collaboratively.  
**Please help them to remember to have their kit in school. As the days become colder they may prefer joggers and a sweatshirt.**

### English

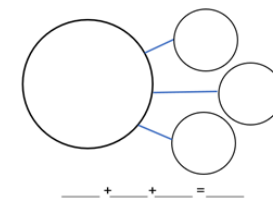
The children will start their writing work looking at fairy tales - but with a twist! Their work will focus around the text 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. They will be further developing their skills at incorporating features such as conjunctions, sequencing words (first, later, after that), using descriptive vocabulary and ensuring their ideas link and develop across paragraphs.  
When writing and checking their work they will be encouraged to check that verb tenses are used consistently and correctly.



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### Maths

The children have started their work this year considering how a combination of parts can have the same value as a whole. They will use this understanding of parts combining to make a whole to find missing number. They will consider different ways to represent their part-part-part-whole calculation. Once secure they will apply their understating to solve problems and use mathematical language and notation to explain their answers and working out.



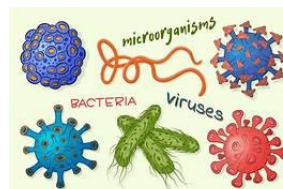
### Topic

Later this month we will have a project week which will allow the children to immerse themselves in their topic work rather than doing some each week as they have done in previous years. This will allow us to bring together learning from both history and geography.  
This half-term's focus will be around how Stockport's natural features allowed for industrial growth and how this then impacted on how the city grew.



### Science

In Science our first topic will be Living Things and Their Habitats. Children will be looking for defining characteristics that enable them to group plants and animals. Having generated their own criteria, they will then look at the work of Carl Linnaeus to investigate how formal scientific groupings were determined.  
After this, they will move onto learning about microorganisms, focussing on how they grow and spread.



### Reminders/ Key Dates

Games lessons - Thursday (fortnightly) and Friday.  
Home Learning - be handed out on a Friday, to be handed back in the following Thursday.  
Church - every Friday morning, 9-9:25am - worship in St Mark's Church. Please come and join us  
Parents Evening - Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.  
End of half term: Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
INSET day - School closed for children (Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October)  
Start back: Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November