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Our topic this half-term is: "Going on an adventure". Oliver Jeffers - focus author.

**Literacy**: Throughout this half term we will be focussing on 2 texts by the author and illustrator Oliver Jeffers. The children will be basing their writing on these texts. They will be learning how to add the suffixes "ed" "es" and "ing" and how to use contractions eq, don't

**Mathematics**: This term maths starts with a block of work on addition and subtraction; the children will be developing the skills and strategies they were taught earlier, but now using numbers up to 20. This develops their confidence before extending to larger numbers. We will be learning how to begin to tell the time, using language linked to weight and finding the quarter of shapes. They will be learning their tens times table.

**Science**: This term's work will be looking at ourselves and other animals, exploring senses and parts of our body.

**Geography**: This half term we will be developing our mapping skills by looking at a 'bird's eye' view of things and exploring maps from around the world

**Art:** This half term we will be exploring collage - cutting and layering shapes to create a picture. We will also doing an artist study and producing a piece of work in that style.

Music: Our Charanga music scheme will help us to learn about tempo and dynamics.

**DT:** We will be inviting parents and carers to come in to school to help us with sewing puppets linked to our story texts.

**PDL**: We will continue with the SCARF programme to learn about keeping safe.

**Computing:** We will continue to learn through purple mash ad learn how to save and retrieve.

## How you can help your child at home:

**Reading**: Encourage your children to read books with a fantasy setting (a story about imagined places and people, not based on reality) and discuss their features with them.

Oliver Jeffers has a website and many of his books are available on YouTube.

**Spelling/Phonics**: It is important that you regularly log on to Floppy Phonics to practise the sounds at home. This is part of reading homework.

Maths: Keep counting forwards and backwards, starting from different numbers and counting in 2s and 10s.



## **Dates for your diary**

19th January

Special Menu day (more info to follow)

9<sup>th</sup> February

Valentine's Day Disco (more info to follow)

10<sup>th</sup> February INSET day

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February Half term.

## PE Days

Indoor - Tuesday Outdoor - Thursday

Water Bottle

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school

Library Day

Thursday morning. Please remind your child to bring their library book on this day so they can choose another one.

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