

Near the end of term we will read the story of the Lighthouse Keeper's Christmas which will lead us into many exciting and crafty activities.

In RE we will reflect on the Christmas story and the true meaning of Christmas. We will also discuss our own family traditions and how they make the festive period important to us.

PE/ Outdoor Games

PE– Wednesday Outdoor Games– Friday

In PE, we will be exploring different types of dance and creating our own dance for Mr Grinling. We will be focusing on how different movements fit with different music and how important rhythm and coordination are when learning a dance.



In Games, we will continue to enjoy multi-skills activities focusing on ball skills and will begin to learn how to play netball.

As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child has warm clothes to wear for our outdoor sessions.

Helping at Home

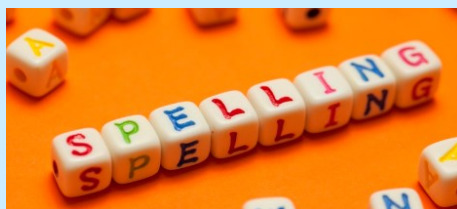
If you can support your child's learning at home it will encourage confidence and allow your child to grasp concepts quickly.

Reading is an extremely important part of your child's development. Please continue to read when you can and sign or comment in the yellow reading records. Bookbags should be in school everyday and books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday**.

When reading, encourage your child to sound out unknown words and ensure that what they are reading makes sense to them by asking questions about what is happening. To extend their reading skills, ask questions about their opinions and questions about things that are not explicitly written but on the basis of what has been said or done.

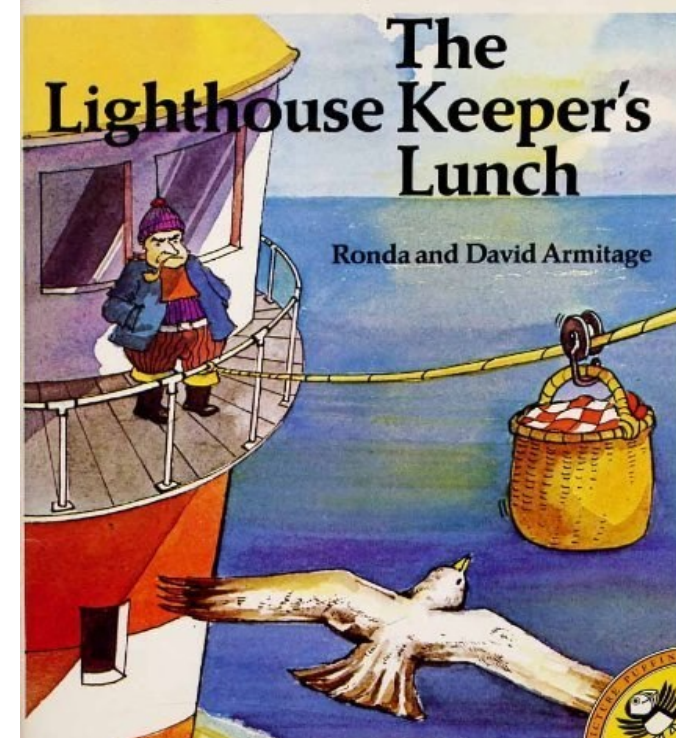


Please encourage your child to practise their **red** words (which will be sent home at the beginning of each half term) and the weekly **green** words in their log book to help with their spelling. If you child can confidently spell the red words, ask them to apply their skill by writing it in a sentence.



Lunch at the Lighthouse

Our learning this half term is based around the famous children's books by Ronda Armitage



Dates

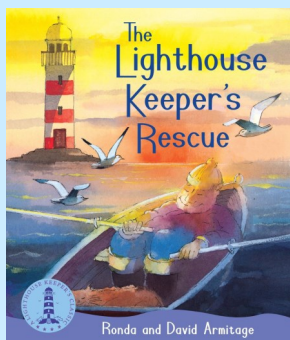
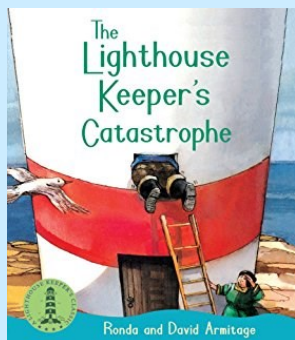
Parents Evening– Tuesday 9th November and Wednesday 10th November

End of term– Friday 17th December

If you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to email me
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English

In English, we will be finding out all about Mr Grinling, who he is and where he lives. We will magpie interesting vocabulary from our reading as well as use drama and role play to extend our work on descriptive writing. We will then be writing our own adventure stories for Mr Grinling for everyone to enjoy!



Phonics

As the children were unable to do the phonics screening in June, the government has decided they would like the children to complete it this half term. It will follow the same format as it would have in June and the children will be asked to read a series of real and nonsense words to demonstrate their blending skills. The children will be practising their skills during phonics and English lessons and a pack will be coming home for you to practice at home. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.



Lunch at the Lighthouse

We had a basket and letter delivered from Mrs Grinling explaining that she was worried about her husband, Mr Grinling, as she had noticed that he was starting to feel unhealthy and unmotivated. She asked us if we could formulate a plan to improve Mr Grinling's wellbeing.



In Science, the children will develop their scientific inquiry skills to investigate the different things that contribute to being healthy and happy. We will be planning and implementing an investigation into the effect that exercise has on our bodies as well as describing the different food groups and why it is important to eat a balanced diet.

Maths

In Maths, we will be continuing to use our skills of addition and subtraction to solve a range of different problems. These skills will also be used when we learn about money, identifying the value of different coins and using different coins to make the same amount. We will also be developing our understanding of multiplication and division.



In Geography, we will be looking at Lighthouses across the world and how they help people at sea. We will be discussing the design of a lighthouse and looking at the important features.



In Art, we will be painting landscape pictures at sea and looking at the contrast between a rough and calm sea. We will be experimenting with colour and texture and using paint in a range of different forms.



As part of our PSHE Jigsaw learning, we will be celebrating difference. This will include discussing stereotypes between boys and girls, celebrating diversity within our community and how to respect each others' views and opinions.

