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## This term's Doorways...



## Doorways and Pathways—

This half term we will go through the Doorway of 'Perfect Planet' and follow the Pathway of 'Land Ahoy'. Our topic will begin with a treasure map from Pirate Pete. We will follow his travels to the Arctic and the Antarctic, exploring the similarities and differences between these environments and our own local area. We will also journey with him to China to learn about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. Next, he will travel with us to the Amazon Rainforest, where we will learn about the different animals that live there. We will also have the opportunity to travel underwater and discover the wonderful, colourful sea life found beneath the waves. Finally, we will learn all about Easter, what it means to Christians, and how it is celebrated.

## This term's Values...



## English

Now we are able to orally segment and blend some simple CVC words, we will start to use this knowledge to begin to write CVC words. For example, mat, cat, ran, quick and pink.

The children have learnt how to correctly form all letters now, this term we will be teaching them to write these independently.

### How to help at home:

Please continue to practise j, v, w, x, y, z, qu, ch, sh, th, ng and nk. Children could then practise writing some CVC words with these sounds in.

## Maths

We will be continuing to use the vocabulary; more, fewer and equal to, to solve problems. We will also learn to understand the number Zero, what that looks and feels like. Finally, we will move on to ordering numbers to 10.

### How to help at home:

<https://nrich.maths.org/14474>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/topics/numeracy>

## Reminders— PE Day —Wednesday

## Tapestry

The teachers have loved looking at Tapestry this half term, seeing all of the wonderful things the children get up to. Remember, you can add observations to you child's journal and comment on what they have been doing in school too.

## Useful Websites

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/problem-solving>

## Key dates for Reception this half term

Monday 5 January — Inset Day

Tuesday 6 January—Academy reopens

Wednesday 11 February—Parents' evening

Thursday 12 February—Parents' evening

Friday 13 February—Break up for half term

Monday 23 February— Inset Day

Tuesday 24 February—Academy reopens

Tuesday 24 February—House Day

Thursday 5 March— World Book Day

Friday 13 March— Sports Relief

Monday 23 March—Reception FAB Finale

Friday 27 March—Academy close