

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to this action-packed first half term of 2018! There is so much fantastic learning planned for the year ahead and I am so excited to be getting started! I look forward to sharing with you what your child has been working on in the first couple of weeks on the Parents' Meet & Greet but please don't wait until then if you have anything you wish to discuss.

Homework will alternate between English one week and maths the next but will always be linked to our learning in class and set on a Monday. I do always give the children a week so please come and see me with any questions during this time if they are unsure what to do. Although it is great when the children want to do more, the expectation is for half an hour's work so if it is going beyond this I am always happy with a note in the reading diary in the homework book to explain. Also, we do offer a free homework club if you feel that this would benefit your child. If I could please ask for your support in hearing your child read at home as well that would be great as these are such important years! Finally, I am always happy to provide any extra work if you wish to do anything together at home, please just ask!

Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 12th September 2018 - Parents Meet and Greet.
- Friday 21st September 2018 - Isle of Wight Day.
- Supporting your child with maths at home – Date to be confirmed.
- Thursday 11th October 2018 - Harry Potter Trip (Year 4 children only).
- Monday 29th October 2018 - Individual School Photographs.
- Wednesday 21st November 2018 - Cinema trip.

As always, please come and see myself or Mrs Smith at any time if you have any questions or you just want to see what your child has been up to! By working together we can ensure the very best outcomes for your child.



I am very much looking forward to working with your child, yourselves and your families this year,
Mrs Tingle



Nine Acres Primary School

Autumn Term 1 2018

Alnwick Class

Mrs Tingle



Mrs Smith



Parent Information Leaflet



'Striving for Excellence'

Year 3/4 - Autumn 1 2018 - Theme: Myths and Heroes

Science



In science this half term we will be studying rocks and soils. We will be looking at a variety of rocks and comparing and grouping them according to their physical appearance. We will also be carrying out tests in order to find out about their properties. Later, we will be turning our attention to soil (it's a dirty job but somebody's got to do it!!) and investigating how it is made and what is in it!



English - George and the Dragon / The Seal Children

Our learning this half term is going to begin with some powerful setting descriptions to create atmosphere. We are then going to be researching a variety of creatures for a report about 'Real Life Dragons' from Komodo dragons to the Dragon millipede! After imagining and describing some fantastical dragons, we are then going to be writing in role asking for help as a member of a town being harassed by a dragon before finally creating our own myths. During this unit we are going to be particularly focussing on developing our editing skills, our range of adverbs and prepositions and our text structure.



P.E.

Our PE sessions are going to be on a Wednesday afternoon so please make sure that your child has their kit in school ready for some exercise.

Mr Hartup will be leading these sessions.



Mathematics

This half term, our focus is particularly on place value as this is the foundation for the maths for the rest of the year. We will then be moving onto addition and subtraction in the run up to half term. We are also going to be working hard on our times tables so please help with learning these at home. Each lesson will give the children an opportunity to secure their fluency before moving on to developing problem solving and reasoning.



Theme



This term our theme ties in with our English texts and we are leaning about Myths and Heroes including Saint George and Robin Hood. We also have lots of exciting cross-curricular learning with DT (focussed around healthy eating) in the afternoons, ICT with Miss Bekesi and we will be learning the violin on a Tuesday afternoon! The children will continue their German studies with Miss Culpin, do PSHE with Mrs Broome and some investigative science with Miss Sim.

