Quarry Mount Primary School
Half Termly Parent/Carer Information Sheet.

Theme: Travel Through Time!

Year Group: 1
Date: Autumn 2

Teacher: Miss Horigan
TAs: Mrs Tweed

English

Year 1 will be reading 'Mrs Armitage on Wheels' by Quentin Blake.
The children will have daily phonics lessons, and we will continue to work through Floppy Phonics Level 4- this consolidates and extends their learning by providing more opportunities for blending sounds together to strengthen their reading abilities. We will also focus on learning the common exception words.

We will use our reading text to inspire our writing and write sentences about Mrs Armitage and other characters. The children will learn about using capital letters for names as well as the start of a sentence.

Mathematics

The children will be exploring the mathematical topics of:

- 2d and 3d shape.
- Repeating patterns
- Symmetrical patterns
- Addition and subtraction with numbers to 10

This will include us reading and writing numbers, adding and subtracting numbers within 10 and recognising, naming and sorting shapes.

PE

This half term, the children will be focussing on skills in gymnastics and dodgeball.
PE will be on Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child comes in school PE kit on these days – plain white/navy t-shirt, black leggings/jogging bottoms and trainers/pumps.

DT

In DT, we will look at moving picture books. We will focus on the slider mechanism and learn how this enables parts of a picture to move.
We will create our own 'moving' pictures using a slider mechanism.

Computing

In Computing, the children will use Purple Mash to continue to work creatively online. We will use paint tools to draw pictures, including Autumn and Winter scenes, and they will learn how to create a jigsaw using a digital device.

Geography/History

In Geography, we will learn the names of some places within and around the UK e.g. United Kingdom, England, Leeds, London.
They will also learn about the seven continents and five oceans.

As part of our History lessons, the children will look at toys from the past and the present. We will compare them and think about how toys have changed through time.

Science

In Science, we will continue learning about 'Animals including humans'.
We will learn about the different types of animals and learn to categories these into mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians.
We will also look at what animals eat.
Throughout the year we will observe the seasonal changes that take place; the weather and how it affects the length of the day and trees. This half term we will begin to look at winter.

Religious Education	**PSHE**	**Music**
In our RE lessons, we will learn about special books and the stories from these books. They will reflect on the morals in stories, including secular tales and fables. Children will focus on stories from the Bible and the Qur'an. They will think about why these are special and how they are respected and treated.	In P.S.H.E, the children will be looking at keeping safe. They will think about: • Being safe in new places • Who they can go to for help in difficult situations • What 999 means • What private information means how they can keep safe around fire.	In our Music lessons, we will have a specialist music teacher to teach us singing, rhythm and explore musical instruments.

Please help your child at home by;

* Read home reading books with your child, sign the reading record and return it to school. Reading books will be changed every Wednesday and Friday. Please read home readers, every day if possible, to improve fluency.
* Ensure your child brings their PE kit on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Special Dates this half term:

- Wednesday 11th November – school open day to new starters
- Wednesday 18th November – Bedtimes story afternoon (children can bring pyjamas to school)
- Tuesday 1st December 8am - North Pole Breakfast for Reception & KS1 children (optional)
- Wednesday 2nd December 3:30 – 5pm – Christmas Fair
- Friday 27th November – School is closed to the children.
- Tuesday 8th December – KS1 nativity (pm)
- Wednesday 9th December – KS1 nativity (am)
- Tuesday 15th December – 2:15pm Christmas crafts

  3:30pm Carols by Candlelight
- Wednesday 16th December – 2:15pm Rock Steady concert
- Thursday 17th December –Christmas dinner
- Friday 18th December - Christmas parties and Christmas jumper day

Are the medical and contact records we have for your child up to date?
If not, please inform us via the school office. Thank you.