



Welcome to Mandela's class newsletter for Spring 1. I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a well deserved break. Over the last half term, I saw great leaps in terms of academic and social progress and I am sure I will be amazed yet again this half term.

This half term, the children will have an array of learning taking place with many subjects interweaving in terms of knowledge and prior learning. I cannot wait to share the learning your child has completed over this half term, keep an eye out on Seesaw. If you are having any problems with Seesaw, please contact me so this can be fixed. As a school, we will be focussing on reinforcing our introduced values of kindness, courage and resilience. House Points and raffle tickets will be awarded for such acts.

### Maths

In maths, we will be focussing on decimals, percentages, measurement, algebra and ratio. The children will learn how percentages, decimals and fractions link closely and will be able to apply this to reasoning questions. Ratio and algebra are challenging its true, but your children will be given the skills and confidence to tackle these questions head on.

### English and Reading:

This half term, we will focus our writing based on the text 'The Nowhere Emporium'. The children's writing will hopefully take you into a different universe as the main character walks through a secret portal.

In reading, the children will develop their fluency and comprehension by reading the historical fiction text: 'A Kind of Spark' which is based in Scotland around the time of the witch trials.

### Art:

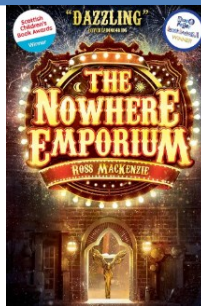
This half term, the children will create self-portraits in different art styles including: abstract, pop art and word art. For their final piece, the children will incorporate all the different styles in one masterpiece

### Computing:

With the technological word changing day by day, we will begin to explore coding and programming to create the children's own computer

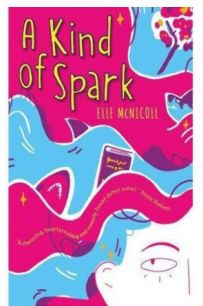
### Science:

In science, the children will become investigators, putting their knowledge of materials in action. The children will learn how to separate mixtures into their individual components by a range of different scientific techniques.



### History:

As historians we will discover how life in Ancient Greece has influenced our lives today from fashion to political views and hierarchy. The children will make comparisons throughout the unit which will lead to the children producing their very first essay!



### PE:

Our PE lessons, this half term we will be becoming the countries best gymnasts. PE will continue to take place on a Thursday.

Swimming lessons will continue on a Wednesday, where they will be assessed against the swimming standards before the end of the half term.

### PSHE & RE:

In PSHE, the children will be learning about economic wellbeing and how to be responsible with money.

This term, in RE we will be focussing on the question: What do Christians believe about the old and new covenants?

### Music:

In music, the children will learn how to compose two eight counts of music, whilst using musical notation to record their masterpieces. The children will solidify their knowledge of notation, pitch, dynamics and tempo.

**Class messages:** In the run up to SATS it is never too late to make progress. Our class will live by the proverb, 'A journey of a thousand miles, begins with a single step'.

### Important dates to remember:

1. 8th January—SEND Coffee Morning
2. 19th January—World Religion Day
3. 23rd January—Parent Reading Workshop
4. 27th January—Holocaust Memorial Day
5. 11th February - Safer Internet Day
6. 14th February—Valentines Disco