



# LOWER SCHOOL

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday. We have a very busy term ahead of us, with lots of exciting opportunities planned for the children. Please look out for emails about trips and experiences.

Please make a note of these important dates coming up this term:

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Year 1 trip to Crocodiles of the World

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Whole School Music Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 trip to the Roald Dahl Museum

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 trip to Whipsnade

Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 SATs

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Lower School Sports Day (morning)

## Homework

Your child will be set homework on Google Classroom every day. Please support your child completing this work.

## Reading

It is very important that your child reads every day. Please remember to sign your child's book when you have listened to them read. Your child will be able to change their reading book when they can demonstrate that they understand what they have read, this may be only once or twice a week. The children can also take home another book of their choice. Please read this with your child as well.



This half term the children will get to read and listen to lots of different stories. Below are some of the books they will be reading. Please encourage your child to tell you about the stories or read other books by the same author.

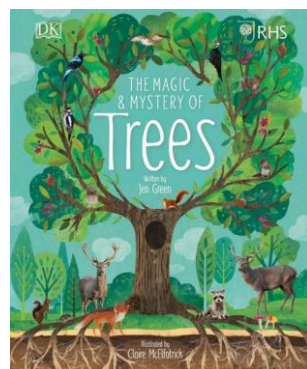
### Year 1

#### WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE



STORY AND PICTURES BY MAURICE SENDAK

### Year 2



### Year 3

#### ROALD DAHL George's Marvellous Medicine



# Year 1

Last half term the children enjoyed designing houses for the Gruffalo and his child in Design and Technology. This half term we welcome in the Summer Term with lots of exciting learning and a wonderful trip planned to Crocodiles of the world in Burford, Oxford. This will happen on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, please make sure your child has a packed lunch with them if you have not ordered one.



In maths we will continue counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, measuring weight and capacity as well as learning about time. In Science we will be learning about everyday materials, identifying them by their properties and looking at how they are used in the world around us. In Geography we will learn about the different continents and oceans and in Art we look forward to creating self portraits in the style of Roy Lichtenstein. In PSHE we will learn about healthy bodies and minds and the importance of taking care of ourselves physically and mentally.

# Year 2

Last half term, we were studying plants in Science, including what they need to grow and thrive. We planted bean, sunflower and cress seeds and carried out an experiment to show what would happen if they had no light or water. In RE, we have been enjoying learning about Buddhist pilgrims and linking this to the Muslim pilgrimage of Haj. We learned all about Remembrance in History, and how this is marked in different countries, all over the world. In English lessons, we have been writing stories with a particular focus, including characterisation and setting and this half term, we will be writing action stories. In Maths, we have learned about 2D and 3D shapes, and their properties and are now learning fractions. In DT, we have been learning about moving vehicles and their component parts, including axle, wheels and chassis.

This half-term, we are looking forward to learning all about the Sculptor, Ruth Moilliet and are looking forward to designing and making a sculpture of our own.



# Year 3

Last half term, the children really enjoyed taking the coach into London and visiting the Natural History Museum. We saw extraordinary animals, crystals and fossils and it was a wonderful Science trip and life experience to spend the day at one of our capital city's finest museums.



Next half term we are heading to the Roald Dahl Museum in Great Missenden to inspire us to write our own stories with rich, interesting characters.

This term we will be learning about plants and writing explanation texts about them in our English and Science lessons. In Maths we will be learning about mass and capacity and comparing Great Missenden and High Wycombe in our Geography lessons. In RE we are learning about important people in major religions and in Music we are learning and composing ballads. We will be learning about data handling in Computing and in Design Technology, we will be making our own greenhouses. During PE, the children will be working on their fitness, agility and developing our athletics skills as we head towards Sports Day.