# Key dates

Most key dates can be found on our school newsletters and on the school website.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March — World Book Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March — Parents evening

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March — Last Day of Term

## English

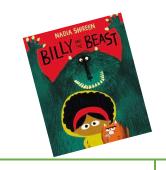
This term we will be looking at two key texts. The first is called 'Billy and the Beast' by Nadia Shireen. We will be using this to learn about the key features of a story – characters, setting, problem, resolution. We will also use it as a base to write our own story about overcoming a monster. The second text we will be looking at is called Naughty Bus by Jan and Jerry Oke. It is quite a quirky text but we are sure it will be great fun! We will be using this to inspire us to write our own adventure stories during the latter part of the half term.

#### Maths

This half term is all about measurement. We will continue looking at time; learning to read an analogue clock to O'clock and half past.

We will then be learning about length and height using standard (cm/m) and non-standard (e.g. How many paper clips long is the mouse?) units of measure.

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#### Science

In science this term we will be continuing our learning about animals, including humans. We will learn how to observe and classify animals, using vocabulary such as reptile, amphibian, minibeast and mammal.

#### RE

This half term we will be looking at special places, including churches for Christians. We will also learn about the events of the first Easter and why this celebration is so important to Christian people.

# Art

In Art this term we will be using paint and collage to make Mother's Day cards. As with everything we do in Year 1 there is a purpose to this and we will use it as an opportunity to plan, make and evaluate our painted cards. We will also be using colour mixing to make tones of green. Watch this space!

## Music

In music this term we will be focussing on the songs that we will be learning for our performance of 'There's a sunflower in my supper' which will take place in the last week of term. Our performances are on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> (PM) and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> (AM) March. The performance will take place in our school hall and details of how to get tickets will come out later in the term.

# Computing

We will continue to use Purple Mash to facilitate our computing curriculum. This half term we will use a programme called '2Go' to produce coding instructions to move various animals and objects across a grid on a screen.

You can log on to Purple Mash at home using the logins found in your child's purple homework book. Please use the link below Purple Mash Homepage

## **PSHE**

We will look at developing friendship skills and ways in which we can be a good friend to others.

We will also look at families, and learn about all the different types of family. It will also be an opportunity to talk about special people that the children have in their lives.

# **History**

This half term we will look at St Ives and the history of St Ives since the children have been alive.

We will also look at images of the town over the years to discuss what has changed.

#### PE

In PE this half term the children will be playing outdoor PE games with our coach and also Orienteering with their teacher.

Our PE days are Monday and Friday

Your child must have their PE kit in school

on these days please.

- White T-shirt or Red T-Shirt
- Blue/Black shorts or Tracksuit bottoms
  - Tracksuit top
    - Trainers

PE will take place outside for as much as possible so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for this.