



# The Lost Happy Endings



**Welcome back!** Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to all the children for being so brilliant and hard-working last half term and I hope this continues! I have also been really impressed with the number of children who have been reading their reading books at home daily (and clearly enjoying them too!) I hope you enjoyed the half term break and are ready for the new half term in the run up to **Christmas!**

Our topic is called 'The Lost Happy Endings' and is based on the book of the same name by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray. We will be looking at the story in lots of detail and making our own soft toys out of felt.

I hope this letter is helpful and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Harry Harms

## English

This half term in English, we will be looking at the amazing picture book ***The Lost Happy Endings*** by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray. We will be looking at all the amazing language used within the story and writing our own alternative endings. The book looks to twist the traditional fairy tale style of story and produces a brilliant book! **To help engage and support your children with the topic, you could read further fairy tale stories with them at home and look at the language used (such as how the sentences are starting or how the good and bad characters are described!)**

## Maths

In Maths we will be –

- \* Multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.
- \* Applying our **times tables** knowledge to lots of different problems.
- \* Learning about perimeter.

**It is vital that the children have a secure knowledge of all the times tables up to 12x12. This is really important to what they will be learning over the next few terms, as well as the multiplication check that is coming up towards the end of the school year. Regular practise at home and school is imperative in achieving this level of fluency and ensuring they are able to access all the learning in class.**

**Times Tables Rock Stars** is a brilliant way to practise timetables in a similar way to how the questions will be asked in the times tables check that your children will be sitting in June next year. This game can be played on a laptop or the app can be downloaded from your preferred app store.



## Science

In science we will be learning about **electricity**. We will be building our own circuits and learning about insulators and conductors.

A website you can explore electricity on is:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/Science/electricity.htm>

## PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has their PE kits in school at all times, including suitable trainers for PE. We will be doing Football for PE this term and with colder weather coming up it is not suitable for them to be doing this in their school clothes.

**Homework:** Your child will be set a menu style homework to run throughout the half term. Spellings will be set on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. Spellingframe.co.uk is a great online resource that can be used in conjunction with other strategies for learning spellings.

**Spellingframe**