

A Few Reminders:

This term P.E. will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. However, it would be helpful if the children had their P.E. kits in school every day, so that they can take part in any extra opportunities for sport. All kit (including socks) should be CLEARLY named. Can we also ask for coats, sweatshirts and water bottles to be visibly labelled.

Please read with your child every day and make a note in their reading record - it makes a huge difference to their progress. One homework sheet should be completed and returned to school on Wednesday. We will no longer be doing spelling tests on a Friday. Instead, we will be doing a few dictation sentences that use the phonics rule the children have been focusing on, and will also include some common exception words (CEWs).

For show and tell we have a rota, sorted by their reading groups. Your child will know which group they are in:

Pluto - Monday

Saturn - Tuesday

Jupiter - Wednesday

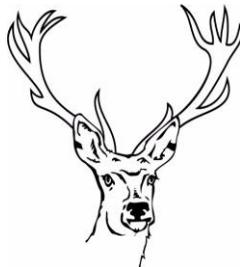
Neptune + 2 Mars - Thursday

Venus + 2 Mars - Friday

Finally, please feel free to come and see us if you have any concerns or worries, or leave a message with the office. We are looking forward to the new term and working in partnership with you and your child.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Allen, Miss Wheeler and Mrs Baess



Class 2

Exploring
Space!



Join us on our learning journey!

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2020

Welcome

Welcome back to the new school year! Thank you again for your generous gifts at the end of term, we really appreciate your kindness. We are pleased to see the children are settling so well after only a couple of weeks, and have all enjoyed our *Look Up!* activities. This term we are looking forward to learning through one of our favourite topics based on Space.

Coming up this term

On Friday 6th November, we will be hosting a stargazing evening, when we will be inviting the children back to school for an exciting look at the night sky (and hot chocolate!). More details to follow.

Other highlights will include

- Drama workshop led by Perform, Wednesday 7th October
- Creating model planets
- Baking space biscuits
- Mosaic pictures
- Class space party

And much more!

English: We will be reading stories with patterned language and using this as a stimulus for our writing. Non-fiction writing will be planning letters to Tim Peake. Our grammar learning will be on sentence building and punctuation. During guided reading, Year 2 will be developing their comprehension skills and practising finding the evidence for their answers in the text. Year 1 will focus on reading for meaning and fluency. Phonic work will be linked to reading skills, learning joined handwriting and spellings.

Maths: We will be concentrating on number and place value, securing fluency to 10, 20 and beyond. The children will also be using concrete resources and part-whole models to help consolidate their understanding of patterns within numbers. Challenge is provided through reasoning to extend their thinking.

Science: In the first half term, we will be focusing on our 'working scientifically' skills, before moving onto Animals including Humans.

R.E.: The Creation and Human Responsibilities and Values.

History: Exploring Space, including learning about the lives of influential astronauts.

Art: Fundamental skills: drawing and painting.

D.T.: Hinges and levers, linked to our Space topic.

Computing: Internet safety.

PSHE: Relationships, feelings and emotions, valuing difference.

Zones of Regulation: This is a new whole school approach to discussing and managing emotions. Emotions are linked to colours to allow children to more easily express how they are feeling. We will be embedding the ideas throughout the school year.