

We hope this topic letter will give you some insight into the work your child will cover during this term.

Our inspiration for this term's topic, 'Reach for the Stars' is based on space. We will be covering this topic for the whole term from September to December so will really learn about space related fiction, information and history in depth.

The key skills we will focus on are: being co-operative, independent and responsible, as well as organising our belongings and ourselves!

Literacy

During our daily literacy lessons, the children will be using their skills in spelling, punctuation and grammar in order to develop good sentence structure for fiction and non-fiction writing. They will expand these skills through the writing of labels, lists, captions, letters and by retelling stories. Work will be based on space themed texts including: 'Supertato', 'Winnie in Space' and the use of videos such as the John Lewis, 'Man on The Moon' advertisement.

Numeracy

During their daily mathematics lessons, children will begin to:

- Count, read and write numbers forwards and backwards, and write numbers to 20 in numerals and words (including zero).
- Understand the place value of numbers - how many tens and ones there are in a number, finding one more or one less, the use of objects and pictures to represent numbers, and the use of a numberline to identify and represent numbers to 20.
- Use number bonds and number facts within 20.
- Read, write and interpret mathematical statements using addition and subtraction and related signs, (+, - and =).
- Solve one step problems involving addition and subtraction, and missing number problems.
- Recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes in the environment

Computing

The children will be developing their knowledge of information technology by learning how to independently log on and off. As well as this, we will be combining images and text using 'paint'.

Music

The children will be experimenting with different sounds. Following this we will explore how we use our voices. We will also be learning our Christmas songs.

History

Children will be exploring a timeline of significant events that have happened in Space and we will look at significant people in the past for example comparing Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.

R.E.

This term the children will be learning about the faith of Christianity with a focus on Harvest time and what Christians believe God is like. We will also be looking at the Christmas story.

Art/ D&T

The focus will be on developing the skills of drawing and painting cartoon superheroes. They will have the opportunity to work with paint, pastels and chalk. We will be making split pin superheroes, focusing on mechanisms, and creating junk model rockets.

Geography

During geography we will be looking at different landscapes across the world, including the United Kingdom.

P.E.

The children will be developing their skills in dance exploring different music and moves to accompany it.

PSHE

Through the 'Go Givers' schemes we will be exploring and expressing how it feels to move to a new year group. This will include: recognising and dealing with feelings positively, taking part in discussions and how we listen, work and play with others cooperatively.

Science

Our science topic will look at seasonal changes; observing how the weather changes and the effect this has on the daylight hours at different times in the year. We will explore our senses, and use our scientific skills to sort, categorise and record data.

Home Learning

Supporting children at home with reading, phonics, key words and numeracy skills will help your child in their progress this year.

Ways in which you can help us:

- Please ensure your child's P.E. kit is in school every day, as P.E. times may vary. **Please could children come dressed in their P.E. kits for their Friday Sports Focus session and bring their school uniform in a bag.** Our usual P.E. times will be on **Wednesdays & Fridays.**
- Please try and hear your child read every night, changing their reading book regularly. We expect children to read a minimum 4 times per week.
- Please bring your child's book bag into school every day.
- Please ensure your child is in school every day; we hope to have 100% attendance in Penguin and Puffin classes **each** term, this year.
- Please support your child to learn any words or sounds that may be sent home - this will really benefit their skills in phonics and literacy, as well as speech and language.
- Please send any relevant materials to our topic into school, we would love to share them with the classes.

We are looking forward to a FANTASTIC term!!
Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Cox and Mrs Renard

Buckland Primary School

Reach for the stars!



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Year 1