

Welcome to Year 1!

Our topic this term is "Zoom to the moon" and our learning will be inspired by space, including recent and historical space travel, imaginative fiction and beautiful art work. The children have shared what they wonder about space with us, and through our curriculum we will be guiding the children to find their own answers to these questions.

The key personal skills we will focus on are working together, growing as independent learners and taking responsibility for ourselves. We will also be nurturing a growth mindset, encouraging children to believe in themselves and try, knowing that making mistakes can help us to learn.

English

We will focus on developing letter formation, phonics, grammar and punctuation skills to write well-structured sentences in their writing. We will be using a range of delightful picture books to inspire the children's writing.

Mathematics

This term the 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 number line 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.
- Solve one step problems involving addition and subtraction, and missing number problems.
- Recognise and name 2D and 3D shapes.

Computing

We will be learning how to log on and off independently, using Purple Mash and Numbots to practise this skill on the iPads. We will also learn about e-safety as we help the children to learn to stay safe when using technology.

Music

The children will learn about rhythm, beat, pitch and volume and will discover the work of famous composers.

History

In history the children will develop their understanding of the concept of the past. We will learn about Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong and consider the significance of their achievements.

R.E.

This term the children will be learning about the faith of Christianity with a focus on Harvest time, Christmas and Bible stories.

Art and D&T

In art we will take inspiration from Van Gogh's "Starry night", and create space pictures using a range of techniques.

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 athletics and practising ball skills.

PSHE

We will be exploring and expressing how it feels to move to a new year group. The children will be learning to recognise and consider their own feelings, and those of their friends. We will focus on working together co-operatively and developing personal resilience. We will develop our understanding of the Zones of Regulation.

Science

In science we will be learning about seasonal changes, observing the natural world for signs of autumn, and later in the term, winter. We will also explore our senses and learn about materials. We will begin to use scientific skills to sort, categorise and record data.

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Home Learning

Supporting your child's learning at home with reading, phonics and numeracy skills will help your child in their progress this year. Please practise phonics and reading every day. We will also be sending home fortnightly learning log tasks to complete with your child.

Ways in which you can help your child:

- Please try and hear your child read every night. The children will be assigned an e-book to read to you and will have opportunities to choose a "sharing book" too, which they can change each day. The sharing book is for you to read to your child. We expect children to read their e-book at home a minimum of 4 times each week.
- **Please could children come dressed in their P.E. kits for their Thursday PE lesson and Friday Sports Focus session.** Our usual P.E. lessons will be on **Thursdays & Fridays**.
- Please bring your child's book bag into school every day.
- 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.

We are looking forward to a FANTASTIC term!!
Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Renard and Miss Philips



Topic Letter
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