

Year 1 Newsletter



Autumn Term 2



Thank you for all your support the first half term. The children have settled in well and are enjoying the learning experiences in Year 1.

Our topic this half term is: **Space**

In this topic we will be learning about space, planets and different astronauts. We will teach aliens about our planet and life on Earth. We will look at different materials used and how we can design and create a space rocket or spaceship.

You can help over half term by reading space books, researching space and visiting The Planetarium in Greenwich or the Science Museum in South Kensington. Most of our learning this term will be linked to our topic. Below are the areas that we will cover:

<u>English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading - focus on comprehension skills such as prediction, inference, sequencing, information retrieval and vocabulary.• Using punctuation for effect: full stops, capital letters, question marks• Sentence structure - finger spaces• Description• Sequencing sentences to form short stories• Spelling high frequency words• Non-fiction writing - Space• Poetry - adjectives	<u>Maths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• + - signs and swapping numbers around eg $6+3=9$ $3+6=9$ $9-6=3$ $9-3=6$• Adding by counting on• Subtraction by crossing out, counting back• Subtraction - creating 'how many left' stories• Number: place value within 20 Teen numbers - how many tens, how many ones• 2d shape names and describing• Recording in our own way	<u>Science</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Naming materials - wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, rock• Describing materials• Saying an object and the material it is made from• Materials - waterproof investigation• Weather and seasons - Winter and day length
<u>History</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Timeline of space events• Famous astronauts - Neil Armstrong compared to Tim Peake• First aeroplane flights <u>Art and DT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plan, design, make and evaluate a space rocket• Using colour, pattern and texture to create <u>RE</u> <p>Diwali Remembrance Day Celebrations and festivals</p>	<u>PE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gymnastic sequences• Football skills <u>PSHE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curiosity• Independence• Motivation• Enthusiasm <u>ICT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating pictures and text• Simple algorithms and programming• Keyboard skills	

How you can help :

- Please continue to read with your child as often as possible. We will be moving on to teaching new Phase 5 sounds during phonics lessons so children will be improving their blending skills. You can use the phonics games and read books on www.teachyourmonstertoread.com, Thank you for your reading comments so far - please continue to write in the reading record books as often as possible. We also welcome notes about other books they read at home, not just the ones from school.
- Please look at the 'How to help with Maths at Home' sheet we gave you at Parent Consultations for great ideas. It would be helpful if the children knew their number bonds and practised counting in the holidays.
- Reading morning will continue most Fridays from 9.00-9.15am. You are very welcome to come in and read with your child. We will put the children's books out in some reading mornings.
- Children are beginning to learn the cursive script. Any opportunities for fine motor activities (small hand exercises) and handwriting practise will help children to feel confident joining their letters.

Other news :

- Friday 8th November the children will be taking part in a special assembly for Remembrance Day. Poppies will be on sale in school.
- On Friday 15th November from 9.00 - 10.30am, we will be holding a FUDGE morning. All fathers, uncles, dads, grandads and everyone male are welcome to come into classes that morning. We will be holding a female version of this event in March.
- English parent workshop - Friday 22nd November 9.05-9.30. Come and join us in the small hall to learn more about supporting English at home.
- Christmas Performance - Wednesday 18th December 10am in the Great Hall.
- Christmas Party Day- Thursday 19th December
- Last day - Friday 20th December (school finishes at 1.45pm)

Please remember to look at the notices on your child's classroom door to find out more about learning and key events happening.

Many thanks,
Year 1 Team