



Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2021



Our topic this half term is:

Space!

We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed their holiday. In this topic we will be learning all about space and weather. The children will explore how their environment has changed now that it is winter and observe how the weather changes over a number of days. We will be learning about space travel and some of the key figures in the history of space travel.

Below is an outline of what the children will be learning:

<u>English</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key text - Beegu• Visual Literacy - writing stories using visual clips• Punctuation - capital letters for names, places, days, months• Capital letters at start of sentences• Full stops at the end of sentences• Conjunctions - and• To use simple suffixes and prefixes	<u>Maths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition and subtraction within 20• Learn different mental calculation methods eg counting on, using number bonds, adding though to 10.• Find and make number bonds• Read, write and represent numbers to 50 e.g. tens and ones.• comparing numbers (greater than, less than, equal to)	<u>Science</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes in weather and seasons, focussing on Winter• Becoming weather reporters - presenting our weather reports• Weather data collection• Temperature• Weather experiment - water
<u>Art and DT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussing ocean linked paintings by various artists - eg. Turner and Hokusai• Recreating and evaluating art• Designing a Space rocket	<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>Computing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• E safety: searching for images safely online, communicating safely via email, understanding how to behave safely online.
<u>PHSE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• setting goals• overcoming barriers to achieve goals• working with a partner or in a small team• celebrate successes and set new goals		<u>RE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn the Christian story of Creation

Ways to help

As you know, we have changed the way we organise and teach reading. The children now read with an adult at least three times a week. In each session there is a different focus. Here is a summary of what we do in each session as you may want to use this structure at home when rereading the same book.

Session 1 - In this lesson we focus on decoding. The children read the book independently and practise their segmenting and blending skills.

Session 2 - In this lesson the children reread the book but this time focus on reading the text with increased fluency and expression

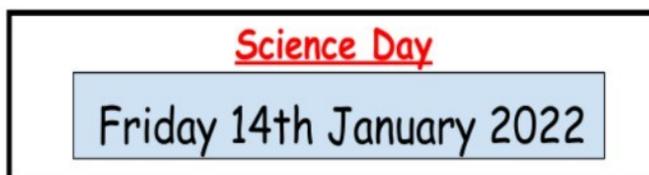
Session 3 - Finally we focus on the child's comprehension by asking the children to answer questions about the text and retell parts of the story.

We will be sending a letter home shortly that gives you more information on this and it will explain in more detail ways you can support your child in their reading at home.

Thank you for all the homework that has been completed last half term. The work you do with your children at home really helps them with their learning in school. Please remember to upload the work onto Tapestry.

We would also love to see any special events or day trips that you and your family have had. If you would like your child to share these with their classmates please upload photos onto Tapestry and class teachers will allocate time for these to be shown and talked about in class. For example, our topic is Space and families might want to visit the science museum and look at the space exhibition.

Dates



Children are invited to dress up as a Scientist or wear a science themed jumper/top on this day.



Science 'Mango Morning' (Mango - Mothers, Aunties, Nannies, Grandmas and other females). We are inviting a female friend or family member to come into class and take part in Science activities. We will hold a similar event for men in February.

KS1 and Reception: 8.50-10.20am

If your job involves Science, you will be very welcome to talk about it. Please let your class teacher know.

- Individual photographs on Thursday 20th January
- Sapphires assembly will be Friday 4th February 9.10-9.30am.
- 8th February Safer Internet Day 2022
- Parent consultations are on Wednesday 9th February 2-5.30pm (School closes at 1.45) and Thursday 10th February 4-7pm.
- Our last day of term is Thursday 10th February.

Many thanks,
Year 1 Team