



Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2024



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 about:

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| <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">• Time - chronological order• Ordering units of time: days of the week, months of the year• Telling the time to o'clock and half past• Add by counting on• Find and make number bonds• Subtraction by counting back• Addition and subtraction within 20• Comparing number statements | <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 and Mae Jemison• First aeroplane flights and the history of flight. | <u>Computing</u> <p>Moving a robot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children will learn how to give commands to a floor robot.• Create simple programs• Plan and test programs. |

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| <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>PE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring travelling movements • Performing balances • Developing technique in barrel, straight and forward roll • Linking gymnastics actions to create a sequence. • Performing short dance sequences. | <u>RE</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the Christian story of Creation • Learn about the Christian festival Easter and the importance of this festival to Christians. |
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Dates

- Tuesday 9th January Science author visit. Zanna Davidson.
- Science Day is on Friday 12th January. Parents/family members are invited into class from 8:50 to 9:50am. If your job/hobby is science related, please let your class teacher know if you would like to talk about it with your child's class. Children are welcome to dress up as a Scientist or wear a science themed top/t-shirt. If your child does anything science-related at home, please send in a picture.
- **Tuesday 30th January Rubies and Emeralds London Science Museum Trip**
- **Wednesday 31st January Sapphires and Diamonds London Science Museum Trip**
We will be travelling via public transport. If you are able to be a parent helper could you please speak to your child's class teacher?
- Thursday 18th January Whole Class photographs
- Friday 2nd February Parent Reading morning
- Parents Consultations are on Wednesday 7th February 2:00 pm onwards and Thursday 8th February 4:00 onwards.
- Our last day of the half term is Friday 9th February.

Many thanks,
Year 1 Team