

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday. During this half term, our topic is based on Earth and Space. As well as Science, many of our other lessons across the curriculum will be linked to this topic. Our D/T work this term will be showcased in the Big Build (see dates below).

We hope you all enjoy the learning journey in this short- but very busy- half term.

Mrs Doe and Mr Clyne

Dates for your diary

Anglesey Residential Meeting: Monday 13th February 5:30pm

Big Build in school: Wednesday 15th February

Homework

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home. It is always nice to share things they have made or written in class.

During this half term we will again be using the homework grid.

The weekly Maths and spellings homework will continue. Children also need to be reading at least 4 times each week and bringing in their signed Reading Records, please. In addition, it would really benefit the children to make sure that times tables facts are very secure. Using Hit the Button or Timestables Rockstars 4 times a week (just for 10 minutes each time) would really help with this and make all of the Maths work we do far more accessible.

English

Our writing this half term will be linked to our main topic and will include poetry, explanations, letters and instructions.

Reading will again be a mix of whole-class and group reading sessions. Grammar will be taught once a week separately, and consolidated in our reading and writing. Spelling tests will continue on Mondays.



Brave New World

Maths

We begin the term with looking at formal methods for carrying out both multiplication and division calculations. Work will also involve problem solving and understanding the inverse link between these two operations. We will also be returning to fractions to learn about mixed numbers and improper fractions as well as addition and subtraction of fractions and calculating fractions of amounts.

Science

Our whole topic this half term is science based, therefore there will be learning across the curriculum about Earth and Space. We will learn about the planets in the solar system, what they are like, how they move and the scientists who studied them. We will also explore why the moon appears to change shape and why night and day occur.

Art & Design Technology

This half term the children will use a range of media to create artwork linked to our topic. We will also design and build a 'rock lifting machine' to be used to collect rocks and samples from 'Planet X'

Music

We will be listening and responding to Holst's The Planets. We will use this as inspiration for our own space-themed composition.

Computing

We will continue our coding work in Purple Mash, followed by designing a space-station using 3D modelling software.

PE

Swimming lessons will take place on Tuesdays, and outdoor games lessons with the coaches on Thursdays. Please make sure your child has the correct kit on these days, including warm clothing for the chillier

RE and PSHE

RE this half term will continue our work on Islam, before turning to Christianity and the values of Jesus.

Our PSHE work will cover finances, road safety and stereotypes as well as a continued focus on GROW values.