

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely half-term. 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. This includes an exciting and ambitious DT project with pulleys and levers!

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

Parents Evenings: Monday 6th and Thursday 9th November. You should have received information about booking a slot on parentmail.

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 topic, where our main focus is news reports, with plenty of drama to support this exciting space-themed work. We will also be looking at space-themed poetry.

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 methods for multiplication and division, including multiples, factors and prime numbers, as well as multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. Work will also involve problem solving and understanding the inverse link between these two operations.

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 'Pulley Transportational Device' 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 begin our coding work in Purple Mash, as well as using our chromebooks to research our topic of Space.

PE

Indoor PE takes place on Mondays. This term we will be working on dance. Outdoor games take place on Thursdays. Please ensure your child has the correct kit.

RE and PSHE

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

Our PSHE work will cover 'physical contact and feeling safe' and 'treating everyone without prejudice'.