

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 projects with cams and moving parts

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

Mrs McIvor and Mrs Kennerley

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 continue to use the homework grid, but the children only need to complete 4 pieces of homework.

This term we will introduce optional weekly maths homework. This will be given out on a Monday. It should be handed in the following Monday when we will mark it together.

Children also need to be reading at least 4 times each week and bringing in their signed Reading Records on a Friday 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 Fridays.



Planet X

Maths

This term we will continue our work on fractions using our skills to find fractions of amounts and multiplying fractions. Next, we will compare fractions to decimals and percentages. Towards the latter half of the term, we will move onto statistics and measures.

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 design, build and decorate an informative moving toy using cams. The purpose of this toy is to teach younger children about the planets of the solar system.

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 use Purple Mash for modelling purposes to create space related models.

PE

Swimming has finished for the year. Indoor PE takes place on a Tuesday. This term we will be working on gymnastics. Outdoor games takes place on Wednesday. Please ensure your child has the correct kit.

RE and PSHE

RE this half term will be completing the unit about why some people believe that god exists.

In PSHE we will learn about how to identify risky situations and how to take responsibility for their own safety. Finally we will learn first aid.