

Year 2 Newsletter - Spring One

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely break over the Christmas period and enjoyed spending some time with your children. The last half term was another brilliant success and the children are working hard. One highlight of the half term was our trip to Wardown Park; the children really enjoyed learning outside and as result produced some high quality work based on their trip.

We will be continuing to follow the book curriculum this half term. The book for this half term is 'Man on the Moon' by Simone Batrom. We will be focusing on the theme of Space. Overleaf, you will see how the subjects are linked into the theme your child will be experiencing and the links that have been made. There are also suggestions as to how to help your child at home, as this is all part of working together.

Staff Working With Your Child:

These are the following teachers and other adults who might be working with your child this year:

Teachers	Other Adults
Miss Bail/ Miss Tourabaly (Lion class)	Ms Haque
Miss Wren (Leopard class)	Mrs Pathan
Miss Friel (Giraffe class)	Mrs Benjamin
Miss Hussain (Zebra class)	Mrs Farooq

Reminders:

- As always, good attendance and punctuality is essential to maintain good progress especially during this SATS year.
- PE lessons are on **Monday afternoons**. Please ensure that your child has a suitable kit that is brought in at the start of the week ready for the lesson.
- Please make sure that **all items of uniform** are **clearly labelled** so that if items get lost they can be easily returned.

Homework:

- We expect all Y2 children to be reading at home **every day**. We will monitor your child's reading record to ensure they are reading at home and that the reading record is being signed by an adult.
- TT Rockstars is up and running for your children to complete at home. It is really important that your child practises their Timestables every week.

Homework books will be sent out on a **Friday** and are expected to be back in school by the following **Wednesday**. Homework will be a mixture of learning from the week and project based activities.

Dates for Your Diary

- Tuesday 22nd January - Space WOW day
- Parents Reading workshop to help develop reading with you children at home - date to be arranged.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this term's learning and how to support your child, please feel free to speak to myself or your child's class teacher at the end of the day, where we are more than happy to help.

We look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Bail
Year 2 Team Leader

English

- Explore and write a journey story based on the 'Papaya that Spoke'
- Develop their understanding of sentence structure
- SPaG strategies for SATS paper
- Reading strategies for SATS paper
- Further develop their phonics

How to help your child at home:

- Read regularly with your child, asking questions about the text.

Maths

- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Add 2 two digit numbers ($47 + 35 =$)
- Add 3 one digit numbers ($2 + 6 + 8 =$)
- Subtraction ($45 - 32 =$)
- Fractions of an amount
- Arithmetic and reasoning strategies for SATS paper

How to help your child at home:

- Help your child number bonds to 10, 20 and 100

Science

The children will be learning about Materials. They will learn to:

- Identify and compare the suitability of everyday objects
- Find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

How to help your child at home:

- Develop their understanding of solids, liquids and gases.

Computing

The children will have the opportunity to explore a programme called 'We are Astronauts'. The children will further develop their knowledge of space.

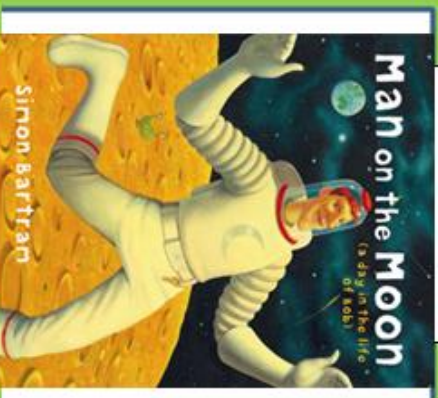
History

The children will have the opportunity to learn about the lives of significant people in history, who have contributed to national and international achievements. The focus will be Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.

Art & DTI

As part of the book curriculum, the children will be creating Space Helmets. The project will consist of looking at existing helmets, designing their own helmets and evaluating their peers' design.

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Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram

PSHE/Care Time

Your child will discuss the importance of growth mind-set, looking at how they can be positive in their learning. They will also discuss and learn about British values focused around reflection.

RE

This term the children will explore a topic called 'How to care for the earth'. They will be learning about the beginning of the world through the creation story in Judaism and Christianity.

PE

Your child will explore and develop a variety of skills in isolation and in combination through having the opportunity to participate in dance, gym, invasion games and tennis.

Music

The children will be exploring a variety of space songs. They will be learning about rhythm, pitch and the use of percussion instruments.