

Year 2 Newsletter - Spring Two

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last few weeks meant another exciting half term and all children are really enjoying learning about Space. One highlight of the half term was our trip to Space WOW day; the children looked fantastic in their space outfits and had a fun filled day exploring space. They especially liked making space rock cakes!

The book for this half term is still 'Man on the Moon' by Simone Batrom. We will be continuing our learning about Space, as this is an aspect that the children have really excelled in so we want to develop their writing skills around this aspect. 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 Senior (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 times tables 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 now focused on SATS, with a combination of spelling, arithmetic and reading comprehension. Please ensure you take the time to complete this homework as it is crucial to their learning.

Dates for Your Diary

- Thursday 28th February - SATs information meeting 2:30pm - KS1 hall
- Wednesday 27th March - Museum afternoon, where you are welcomed in to see your children's work
- Thursday 4th April - Parents' reading morning - 8:40 - 9:15

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 non-chronological report about how spacesuits work
- Explore and write a diary entry about being up in space
- Explore and write a setting description about a planet
- SPAG strategies for SATS paper
- Reading strategies for SATS paper

How to help your child at home:

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

Computing

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

Geography

The children will have the opportunity to learn about maps. They will explore different types of maps and pick out key features. They will also be given the opportunity to create their very own map!

Art & DT

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

Maths

- Division using sharing circles
- Recap of subtraction and addition
- Fractions – identify fractions, fractions of a shape
- Money
- Arithmetic and reasoning strategies for SATS paper

How to help your child at home:

- Help your child through quick five adding and subtracting of 2 digit numbers (Topmarks website has good games for children to play)

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Man on the Moon, by Simon Bartram

PSHE/Circle 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 friendship.

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.

RE

This term the children will learn to 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.

