



Year One Class Curriculum Newsletter

April 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term our topic is Space. We will be looking at this topic in many ways, in the first three weeks we will look at the story, 'Whatever next!' and the information text, 'Avoid being on Apollo 13!' In the last three weeks we will look at the story 'Star Stuff' as well as other information texts.

English We are continuing our focus on non-fiction texts in our English lessons beginning by looking at information texts and following this on with a look at recounts. At home please continue to read with and to your child regularly; this term we are starting a 'Star Reader' chart where the children will receive a star each time there is evidence of them reading at home (which will eventually lead to a certificate and prize for the top readers). We will be using what we have learnt from the non-fiction texts to write our own 'information texts' and 'recounts'. We will continue to learn our phonics through Read, Write Inc. Please continue your support at home with this because we are definitely seeing the positive result of the Read, Write Inc. scheme.

Maths In maths we are revising our understanding of number looking in particular at writing digits in the correct columns; remembering, for example, that '13' and '31' are different numbers. We will also be looking at 2-D and 3-D shapes and the words used to describe them. Please talk to your children about the shapes that they can see in your home environment.

Science The children will be learning about weather with a focus on how this changes during each season. The end result will be a 'weather station' displaying all of the children's work and the learning that has taken place.

Geography The focus this term will have a lot of links with our Science focus this term. The children will be looking at weather patterns in the United Kingdom and comparing this with other hot and cold areas of the world. The learning that takes place will be displayed alongside the Science work in the 'weather station' display.

History As our topic this term is Space, the children will have the opportunity to look at the famous astronaut Neil Armstrong. Our stories and non-fiction texts that we share will add to the children's understanding of astronauts.

Art and Design The focus this term is 'structures' and as our topic is 'Space' the children will be designing and making their own rockets. It would be very helpful if you could start collecting 'junk modelling' materials such as; chinese takeaway containers, plastic bottles, kitchen roll tubes and cardboard boxes.

Music This term the children will be experimenting with the sounds of different instruments. I am hoping that they will have the opportunity to perform what they have learnt towards the end of the term; more details to follow!

PE As before, the children's P.E. day is on Fridays. Please help to remind the children that they need their PE kits on this day. We will be continuing to develop the children's basic movements of; running, jumping, throwing and catching. As we move into the nicer weather, which is hopefully here to stay, we will be able to use the school's field more easily. This will provide a good space for the children to begin to work together in team games and practise for sports day!

If you need to speak to me, I am usually available at the end of the day (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs. Mullett is usually available at the end of the day on Friday. In an emergency, please leave a message at the office and I will get back to you, or pass a message via the TA at the door in the morning.

Kind regards,

Miss Endacott and Mrs. Mullett