

Year 1 Spring 1 Curriculum letter

Friday 5th January

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to everybody after the Christmas break.



The children are already very busy with our new '**Out of this world**' topic. This is a history-based unit of work where the children will be finding out about the first moon landing by the Apollo 11 crew in 1969. They will be using sources to find out historical information and begin to use time language to order events. Oral history is a valuable experience for children learning about the past. If you have any family members with memories about watching this event when it happened, please contact your child's teacher!



Writing

In English the children will be writing recounts of different space missions. They will learn about Helen Sharman who was the first British female to visit Space. They will write instructions on how to make a rocket. They will be taught how to use exclamation marks and question marks in their writing. They will also write their very own space story inspired by the popular children's book 'Whatever Next'.



Phonics

In Phonics the children will learn alternative pronunciations for learnt digraphs. We will continue to send home a weekly list of words for the children to practise reading and writing.



Mathematics

In maths, the children will be use their knowledge of number to subtract numbers within 20. They will solve addition and subtraction calculations ensuring they interpret the symbols correctly.

Wider Curriculum

In Science the children will observe changes in the four seasons. They will explore how the trees and clothes change in Autumn and Winter and explore how day length varies from autumn to winter. They will also learn about how satellites are used in space to detect the weather.



PE

This half term, the children will be doing both indoor and outdoor PE. Please ensure your child has outside PE clothes for outside activity such as long trousers, trainers and a jacket. We suggest that your child brings in their PE bag on a Monday and keeps it in school for the week,

The children will be creating their own space dance as part of their PE curriculum. They will learn to follow a set sequence and learn to work in unison with a partner. We look forward to sharing these with you for our celebration event this half term. More details of this to follow.

Reading

Please ensure that book bags are brought into school every day with their reading diary. They may be required for reading or phonic activities. It really supports children's reading development to read regularly at home as well as in school. Please remember to sign the diary to show you've read with your child. We will write a comment when we read 1 to 1 with your child each half term but we continue to read in small groups 3 times a week as part of our reading sessions. Please ensure that your child's reading book comes back to school on a Thursday each week so that we can continue to run our reading sessions seamlessly.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely
Year 1 team

