

# Year 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back after the summer holiday. Below is some information about our learning this term. Our new topic is Space. If you have any ideas or can help us with fundraising or listening to children read, please come in and see us.

We are really looking forward to the Space Odyssey Planetarium coming to school during October. Each class will get time inside the Planetarium which is an amazing experience.

Please bear with us at home time as we get to know you all, we have lots of new faces to recognise so please introduce yourself and remind us who you have come to collect.

The Year 1 team.

## English

Over the next few weeks we are learning about writing a recount using the story 'Wallace and Gromit's Grand Day Out'. We will also learn about writing poems after our visit from the planetarium. After that we will focus on non-fiction to write a job description to be an astronaut in space!

There is some guidance on our website for how to support your child with their spelling. We will also be using Reading Eggs in Year 1. This is an online reading programme which we trialled with Year 2 last year with very positive results. Children will get a personalised log-in card to bring home next week with some further information about how to use the programme.

## PE

The children will continue to develop their skills and abilities in all areas of PE. The children will have PE with Sporting World on Tuesday afternoons. We don't always do a full change for PE, but please make sure the children have a complete and named PE kit in school every day.

## Humanities

In Geography we will be learning about the continents and major oceans of the world.

In History we will be finding out about the history of space travel. In RE we will be learning about Festivals of light in different religions.

## DT and the Arts

We will be painting and creating planets using a range of techniques and making rockets out of junk. We will explore and interpret some classical music.

## Science

Later in the term we will be looking at the question "Is the Moon made of cheese?". We will watch 'Wallace and Gromit's Grand Day Out' which is U rated. We will find out about the Earth, Sun and Moon and other planets in our solar system. We will also think about seasonal changes in the weather and world around us.

## Maths

We will work on a lot of counting skills to extend our knowledge of numbers up to and beyond one hundred. We will explore what each digit in a number represents. We will learn how to find 1 more or 1 less than any given number and then use these skills to build up addition and subtraction skills. We will also look at counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10. We do as much of this as possible through problem solving and practical activities. You can help at home by doing lots of counting of objects and asking your child to recognise, name and write the number.

## Homework

We are setting up a Travel Agents role-play area in each class so can you help the children find out what a Travel Agent is and what they do? We are hoping to visit a Travel Agent in the next few weeks.

If you have any cardboard boxes or other junk we could use for making rockets, please bring this in. Finally, please try and read with your child for a few minutes each day.