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OUR LEARNING JOURNEY

Year Two Newsletter – Autumn 2

Space Explorers!



We couldn't be prouder of the fantastic start the children have made on their learning journey. Last half term the children worked hard and produced some fantastic pieces of work; we can't wait to see what they do next! Our topic this half term is all about space! We'll be learning about the planets in our solar system, the space race and the first men on the moon as well as thinking about what it would be like to be an astronaut. To top off our topic the children will be designing their own planet, accompanied by an alien to live there!

Mathematics

This half term the children will be learning about money, measure and statistics (tallies, graphs and tables). The children will also be consolidating their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction.



Important Dates



[Wednesday 15th November – Planetarium visit](#)

[Friday 17th November – Children in need day](#)

[Monday 27th November – Visit to St Peter's Church](#)

[Friday 1st December – KS1 Dress Rehearsal](#)

[Tuesday 5th December- 2.15pm KS1 Concert](#)

[Wednesday 6th December- 6.30pm KS1 Concert](#)

[Tuesday 12th December – 'To infinity and beyond' exhibition](#)

[Thursday 14th December – KS1 Christmas Party](#)

[Friday 15th December – Christmas lunch & last day of term](#)

PE

PE will be on a Monday (outdoor-weather permitting) and Tuesday afternoon (indoor). Children should come to school dressed in their school PE kits on both days- details of the school PE kit can be found on the website. Your support with this is hugely appreciated.

English

This half term the children will be reading a number of space related stories and non-fiction books. They'll be producing a planet fact file, writing instructions on how to use their rocket and imagining they are an astronaut, writing a letter home to tell us about their travels.

Your child will do a mixture of shared, guided and independent reading each week. Please listen to your child read at home as often as possible.

Thank you to FOSPS who have funded some new space related books for the Year Two children.

Science

The children will be finding out about the basic needs of humans and discovering how astronauts manage to stay fit and healthy while in space. They'll discover what astronauts eat and how they attend to their personal hygiene and maintain a fitness regime, all while floating around the ISS!

Planetarium!

How better to learn about space than to experience it?

We were very keen for the children to see space and travels through the solar system so we have arranged for a planetarium to visit school on Wednesday November 15th. Each class will visit the planetarium where a talk will be given by a space expert!

It promises to be a very exciting day- we can't wait!

Visit our 'To infinity and beyond' exhibition!

To celebrate the children's hard work, we are holding a 'to infinity and beyond' exhibition on Tuesday 12th December at 3.30pm which will showcase all of the space themed work they have produced over the half term, including: a space manual, planet mobiles, letters from space and their very own aliens!

We look forward to seeing you!

Important Notes

Please ensure your child brings their book bag every day and that all uniform is clearly labelled.

Are you able to volunteer as a reader? If so, please speak to either Mrs Noble or Mrs Davies.

The Year Two team!

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Class teachers	Mrs Davies	Mrs Noble
Teaching assistants	Mrs Todd & Mrs Bagnall	Mrs Hall & Mrs Willoughby
Other Key members of staff	Miss Islam, Miss Brett & Mrs Morgan	

The half term ahead promises to be very exciting and we're certain the children will thoroughly enjoy themselves, as will we! Should you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks, The Year Two Team.