



Year 2 Newsletter: Spring 2 2020

To Infinity and Beyond!

Our topic this half term is based all around Earth and Space. We will be using our geography skills to locate where we are in the world and the planets that form our Solar System. We will be exploring the work of Tim Peake and what it would be like to be an astronaut, alongside key moments in history such as the first moon landing. We will further our learning by visiting the Space exhibition at Eureka on **Wednesday 25th March**: more details have been sent in a separate letter. We hope your children will enjoy our space themed adventure to infinity and beyond!

Our Learning Theme		Important Dates:	
Earth and Space		Wednesday 26 th February: Roald Dahl Art showcase – all parents and carers welcome Friday 6 th March: World Book Day (please see Mrs Noble's earlier letter providing more detail) Wednesday 18 th and Thursday 19 th March: Parent Consultation evenings Wednesday 25 th March: Eureka educational visit	
Homework	Reading	PE Days	
Learn By Heart Maths tasks will continue to be sent home fortnightly on a Friday, beginning on the 28 th February. Children will have two weeks to complete their work and should return their work on the date specified in the book. Spellings will also continue to be sent and will focus on the spelling pattern taught that week in class.	Children will have regular reading sessions at school where they read either independently or with an adult and complete quizzes/answer questions to check their comprehension. Please ensure you read with your child at home as often as possible, ideally daily.	Monday – Indoor PE Friday – Outdoor PE Please ensure children are appropriately dressed in school PE uniform.	
Curriculum			
English	Maths	Science	
We will be sharing lots of space themed texts and media sources, including <i>The Way Back Home</i> and <i>Here We Are</i> . We will be comparing different stories, composing our own space themed poems and using our knowledge and understanding of the planets to write non-chronological reports.	We will be exploring the properties of shapes. This will include drawing and sorting 2D shapes and recognising the faces, edges and vertices of 3D shapes. Later in the half term, we will be studying fractions, including finding halves, thirds and quarters of shapes and finding both unit and non-unit fractions of amounts.	The children will be exploring the components of the Solar System and comparing their size to real life objects. We will also explore what humans needs to survive both on this planet and in space!	
Humanities	Art/DT	Computing	
We will be exploring the geographical composition of Earth and significant events in history with regard to space.	We will be creating our own representations of the Earth and designing and making our own moon buggies to try out and test!	We will be graphing and branching databases in computing lessons.	
Other:			
We'll be learning about pitch and taking part in singing games in Music and finding out about Easter in RE.		We look forward to seeing you all at Parent Consultation next month but if you have any questions or concerns before then, please do get in touch anytime. Thank you, The Year Two team	