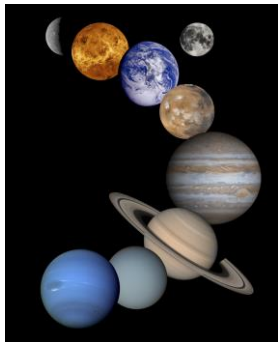


Year Two Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2023

OUT OF THIS WORLD!

As **Scientists** we will learn about the planets in the solar system. We will learn what living things need to stay alive and the importance of healthy living. We will understand how astronauts survive in space!



In **RE** we will be thinking about the Creation story and how we can look after our wonderful world. We will link this to the Christian festival of Harvest.

In **Computing** we will learn about all the different IT systems in the world around us, the benefits of these and how to use these safely.

Come along to our Year 2 Curriculum meeting on **Monday 18th September at 2.50pm** to find out more about Year 2 during the Autumn term and to meet the teachers.

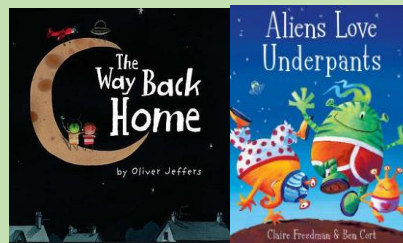
As **Dancers** we will be listening to different space-inspired music and blasting off into space through dance, as well as creating a dance about the planets in the solar system using Holst's 'The Planets' music. As **Designers** we will design and make different mechanisms to create our very own moving space pictures. As **Artists** we will explore texture and mark making as we investigate the moon surface. We will explore different media to show texture in different ways.



As **Historians** we will be learning about the **moon landing**. We will discover how the Apollo 11 Mission succeeded in landing on the moon. We will learn about the lives and achievements of Neil Armstrong and other famous astronauts. We will experience our very own moonwalks with astronaut helmets we have created and understand the excitement and significance of this historic event!



Our focus texts this half term are 'Aliens Love Underpants' and 'The Way Back Home'. Our writing will centre around the story events, settings and characters.



As **Writers** we will be learning to use adjectives to describe characters and settings. We will focus on using capital letters and full stops in our sentences. We will write in the past tense using the 'ed' suffix correctly. We will spell carefully using our phonic sounds and our 'Fred fingers'. Finally, we will start using spelling dictionaries to help us to improve further.

Reading

Children will have reading books and reading records to bring home which support their phonics/reading level. These may include RWI books, Oxford Owl books or our challenge reading books. We would appreciate your support with hearing your child read as regularly as possible. This will support them with their phonic skills and fluency, as well as build confidence and a love of reading. Please write in reading record books each time the children read at home. Books will be changed weekly once they have been read at home.

Spelling Fridays!

Children will bring spelling slips home on a Friday with a weekly list of words to learn to spell. The spelling book needs to come back into school every Thursday.

P.E.

Our PE days be TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS. Children need to bring in their PE kits on these days. Children need to have hair tied back and no earrings.

Children **need** a warm coat, book bag and a named water bottle in school **every day** 😊

In **Maths** we will be learning about place value in 2-digit numbers.

We will show how to make numbers using tens and units. We will learn about numbers on a 100 square and learn to compare and order numbers. We will focus on counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.

We will also learn to add and subtract 2-digit numbers using written and mental methods.

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