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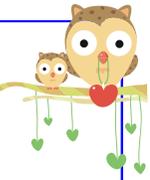
Class newsletter

Year 4

Spring term 2017

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Our curriculum theme for the whole school this term is Space. In Year 4, we will be learning about the Solar System and beyond. We will have a Science focus across the whole curriculum. Our class novel is 'Phoenix' by SF Said—a fictional story set in deep space about stars, moons and other intergalactic adventures.



Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

This term we will:

- Reflect on the values from our the Colvestone acrostic poem and set personal targets for the term.
- Consider the PSHEE themes in our class novel, like friendships and new beginnings.

English

This term we will learn:

- To write different styles of poetry—haiku and free verse.
- To write non-chronological reports about planets in the Solar System.
- To write in a journalistic style about the Milky Way.
- To write a sci-fi story set in Space.
- To improve our writing through a focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Mathematics

In Maths this term we will learn about:

- Fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Coordinates and positional language.
- The properties of 3D shapes.
- Problem solving and puzzle solving.
- Improving our knowledge of times tables.
- Improving our Maths through a focus on mental strategies and arithmetic.
- We will make explicit cross curricular links with our Space topic through big numbers, measurement, 3D shape and statistics.



History, Science and Religious Education

Our Topic work will be generated from the investigating the Scientific questions:

- What can I learn about the Solar System and the Sun?
- What can I learn about the Milky Way?
- What can I learn about star constellations?
- What can I learn about the Universe and beyond?
- What can I learn about Tim Peake's expedition into Space?



In **Science**, we will carry out investigations to explore some of the Scientific theory behind the Space Science that we are studying. We will learn how to plan a fair test, how to test different variables and how to record results in a variety of ways.



Our **RE** topic is *how do different Christians show their beliefs?* We will learn about different denominations of Christianity.

Physical Education : Swimming, Yoga and Tag Rugby

This term we will learn:

- A variety of strokes and skills in our weekly swimming lessons.
- To choreograph and perform a dance in African dance and drumming.
- To develop strength and flexibility through yoga.
- To play 'Tag Rugby' and improve throwing and catching skills.
- To be a good sport and play fairly.
- To work collaboratively within a team.



Creative Development

This term we will:

- Use a variety of art, music, dance and drama activities to enrich our Space topic, including creating art-work inspired by galaxies, 3D modelling to create planets in the Solar System and listen to music with a Space theme.

Out of School learning experiences

We will visit the observatory in Greenwich to enrich our learning about Space.

Reminders

- **African Dance and Drumming and Yoga** are on Mondays. **Swimming** is on a Tuesday. PE is on a **Thursday**. Please make sure your child brings the correct PE kit for each activity.
- **Homework:** is given out each **Friday** and is to be returned by the following **Wednesday**.
- **Reading:** It is important your child reads every day at home for at least 15 minutes. Please make time to listen to your child read and ask questions about their current book.



Punctuality: It is really important that children get into good time keeping habits from an early age. If your child is late, they miss out on the start of lessons at 9.00 which can affect their learning.

As part of my leadership role in raising Literacy standards, I will be out of class on Thursday and Friday mornings. The class will be covered by Mr Butler.



Thank you in anticipation of your continued support over the Spring term.