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## Class newsletter Year 1

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Our whole school topic for this term is 'Space'. In Year 1 we will be learning about the solar system and the milky way. We will focus on The moon, space tourism, the solar system and on fair experiments based around our whole school topics. We will also be investigating what we know and want to find out about constellations and Tim Peake's adventures to inform our writing this term.

### Personal, Social Health, Economic Education (PSHEE)

In PSHEE our topics are friendships and new beginnings.

We will be reading stories that inspire discussion that are based on our "Space" theme and linking them into the 'Colvestone Values' (Charity, Openness, Life long learning, Voting, Equality, Safety, Tolerance, Origins, Neighbourly and Enriching.



### Communication, Language and Literacy Development (CLLD)

In Literacy we will be studying 'Beegu' and 'The Man on the Moon' to inform our learning. We will be writing a fact file of planets, a non chronological report about the milky way, a piece of narrative writing set in an imaginary world and writing to inform using biographies describing the life and jobs of the men and women on the latest space missions! These learning experiences will be geared specifically towards developing the children's writing.

The children will also continue to develop their phonetic knowledge in their daily Phonics lessons and Daily Supported Reading Programme giving children the essential building blocks for reading and writing.

### Problem Solving and Reasoning about Numbers (PSRN)

In Numeracy we will be learning to read write and count numbers to 50 and beyond! We will be sorting objects in a variety of ways and will be using practical methods to add and subtract single and double digit numbers.

We will also be working towards multiplication and division/sharing in 2's, 5's and 10's. We will be focusing also on shape, space and measure and linking it to our scientific investigations. . As well as this we will also be working on our mental maths skills, and learning techniques that help us to become confident, methodical and precise mathematicians.





## Knowledge and Understanding of the World (KUW)

In Science our topic is 'Space: To infinity and beyond'. Year 1 will be learning about space and the universe beyond and performing experiments to help us to make sense of the world around us. Year 1 will hypothesize, predict, test, observe and record. All the while performing correctly and understanding that it must be a "fair test".

In Religious Education we will be learning to explore the topic "What is important for Muslims?" We will find out about Adhan, Halal and Haram and the daily lives and routines of Muslims around the world, home and workplace.

## Physical Development (PD):

In PE the children will be learning to move their bodies with precision and control. In addition to our P.E lessons there will be other physical activities including dancing and drumming and yoga. We will be developing our fine and gross motor skills through team-work games and also learning about the importance of exercise for our health and crucially for enjoyment!



## Creative Development (CD)

In Art we will be using a range of materials and techniques (paper mache, painting, stenciling, construction) to create our own solar system for our classroom display as well as creating an in class-space themed role play area. Children will develop their gross and fine motor skills using lots of different tools to create these pieces of art/play space.



## Trips and events

Details of future trips and events to follow.

## Reminders

### PE is every Thursday

Please ensure your child brings a complete change of clothes including shoes.

### Homework

Please can homework be returned on Tuesday.

I will not be in class on a **Wednesday morning , Ms Glenette will be covering.**

### Reading: Reading bags



Reading books will be swapped around throughout the week but book bags, like homework are due in on a **Tuesday** and be sent home on a Friday. It is important your child continues to read something every day at home for at least 15 minutes.

**Punctuality and routine:** It is really important that children get into good time keeping and routine habits from an early age. If your child is late, they miss out on the start of lessons which start **promptly at 08.55am**, this can **affect their learning not just in the AM but throughout the day**. In Year 1 we start our day with Daily Supported Reading and if children are late they miss out on the introduction to the book being used during the session.



**We hope that you had a lovely break and that you are ready to tackle the new term with renewed vigour! I would also like to thank you in advance for your continued support this term as we delve into the topic of "Space".**

**Thank you  
Mr Lom and the year 1 team.**