



Crocodiles

Newsletter
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Spring 2

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term and I hope you all had a lovely break. It has been lovely this week to hear about all the exciting things the children have been doing during the half term holiday, and we have written about these during our first Big Write of the term. After a wonderful week of experimenting, investigating and questioning during our STEAM week before the holiday, our focus now returns to exploring space and our Moon Zoom topic. With such a short term, we have a lot of learning to squeeze in!

Moon Zoom!

This time our topic lessons will have a mainly historical focus as we develop our understanding of several significant events and people associated with the history of space travel and exploration. These will include Galileo, Neil Armstrong, Mae Jemison and the Space Race. We will continue to develop our understanding of chronological order by ordering key events using simple timelines and we will use a variety of historical sources to find out about the past.



English

In English, we will be reading the story of 'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers. We will learn to retell the story orally and by writing simple sentences using time openers to order our ideas. We will then explore a variety of poetry linked to space and the season of spring before writing our own list poems using simple adjectives. We will continue to focus on developing our handwriting, with a particular emphasis on the curly caterpillar and one-armed robot families. Our daily phonics and guided reading sessions will continue.

Maths

In Maths, we will begin by exploring multiplication, starting by recognising equal and unequal groups. We will then move onto division and study the concepts of equal grouping and equal sharing. Finally, we will begin to learn about fractions by recognising wholes, halves and quarters. We will learn to find a half and a quarter of shapes, objects and quantities.

How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read at least 3 times a week. You should all have a log-in for MONSTER PHONICS eBooks. Please make sure you are using the correct link: <https://ebooks.monsterphonics.com>
- Children will continue to visit the school library once a week so please make sure the book is in their book-bag each Tuesday. The children can read their book and other books from home which can be noted in their reading record books too (this can be your signature or a short comment).
- Encourage them to practise their spellings every day, using the 'LOOK, COVER, WRITE, CHECK' method.
- Support them in completing their homework.
- Share books written by Oliver Jeffers or linked to our space topic.
- Practice counting to 100 in steps of 2, 5 and 10.
- Practise counting backwards from 100 in 1s.
- Begin to learn the doubles of numbers to 10 and halves of even numbers to 20.

Weekly Routines

Our PE sessions this year are on Mondays and Thursdays. Please make sure children come to school wearing the correct PE kit (short or long sleeves and shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings, depending on weather conditions), long hair must be tied up, and earrings must be removed or covered with micropore tape before arriving at school.

Spellings will be sent home on Monday, and the children will be tested on Friday.

Homework is set on a Thursday and is due in by the following Tuesday.

Library books will be changed every Tuesday. Please make sure the book is returned on this day, weekly.

Key Dates:

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day. Dress as your favourite book character.

Friday 13th March, 2.30pm- KS1 Mother's Day assembly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Miss Sedgwick
