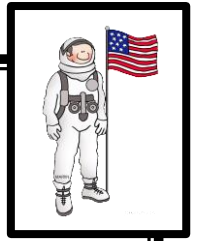


Class 1 Spring (1) 2017

Teacher - Mrs. Maule. Supported by TA - Mrs. Lewis, Miss Clark and Mrs Chisholm,



Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. Please read on to find out what we will be learning about this half term and for some gentle reminders and any changes to our class routines.

Mrs Maule

Literacy



The children will progress through our Literacy programme – Read Write Inc (RWI), that teaches reading, writing and spelling. They will continue to learn new letter sounds which will help them to become fluent readers. They will explore different genres of writing including narrative, non-fiction and poetry.

Maths



Year 1 children will learn to: tell the time to the hour and the half hour, measure length, create symmetrical patterns, directions, addition and subtraction.

Year 2 children will learn to: read time on digital/analogue clocks to the nearest half hour and quarter hour, measure length using centimetres and metres, understand clockwise and anticlockwise turns and right angles as quarter turns, x5 timetable, addition and subtraction.

Times tables (Y2)

Year 2 children will continue to have a weekly times table test as started last year. This test will be on a **Monday**. Year 1 children will start to learn times tables

Reading



We will continue with our Guided Reading sessions whereby the children take it in turns to read aloud within the group. This provides a good opportunity for discussion around the text and a deeper understanding of what has been read.

As the children continue to move through the reading stages the text will become more challenging and the amount of text on each page will increase. As such do not feel that you should complete one text in the space of one evening if you do not feel this is appropriate for your child. **It is important that your child understands what they are reading so please do spend time asking them questions.** You can further help support your child's reading by focussing on reading with fluency (reading HFW automatically) and reading with expression.

Please note that whilst I try to read with the children on a set day each week this does not always happen. As I am sure you can appreciate there can be changes to our timetable due to various reasons.

Please see our school website for further guidance on how to support your child with reading at home.

Number bonds of 10 (Y1) and number bonds of 20 and 100 (Y2)

A number bond is a pair of numbers that add up to another number. Y1 children have already learned their number bonds of 5 and 10. For example, $1+9=10$, $2+8=10$, $3+7=10$. These number bonds are the foundation blocks your child needs to progress with maths. Please help your child to practice these important number facts at home. Please watch out for a number bond sheet in your child's homework book. Thank you.

History



We will learn about Neil Armstrong as a significant person who has contributed to international achievements. This will involve looking at different sources of evidence and asking and answering questions.



Computing

We will be using 2Publish to create an information booklet. We will also be learning about coding using J2Code.

***Please continue to help your child log into their School 360 account using their username and password details** (see homework book). It is very helpful if the children can log on independently when working in school.

Music



As part of our Space theme we will listen to Holst's The Planets, and discuss why he chose particular types of music for each planet. The children will compose their own space music to fit in with their own imaginary planet.



PE

This half term Class 1 will go swimming on a **Monday** afternoon. Please ensure your child is dressed in their school sports uniform on this day. On **Tuesday** afternoons, the children will be focussing on Dance. We will be exploring different movements linked to our space topic. Please ensure your child brings their school sports uniform to change into on this day.

Science



Our topic is Materials and their uses. This will involve identifying and comparing a range of materials including wood, metal, plastic and brick. Please feel free to collect any interesting materials which we can explore.

We will also learn about the changes across the seasons.



Art and DT

We will use a range of mediums to explore portraits. We will be building on our materials topic in Science and will also be making some space themed crafts. **Please help your child to collect a selection of different containers and packaging, such as egg cartons, kitchen rolls, clean plastic bottles, boxes, yoghurt pots etc. Please keep these at home until requested.** Many thanks.

RE



We will be learning about Chinese New Year and the festivals and celebrations of Judaism.



Homework

Spelling homework will be given **every Friday**. The children will have a **spelling test** the following **Friday**.

These spellings will focus on a key sound/pattern each week. Please spend some time discussing the spelling rules provided with your child so that they fully understand.

Your child will bring these spellings home in their **Homework Book**.

Please keep this book in their book bag each day.

Maths homework will continue to be given on School 360.

Thank you for your support.

Gentle reminders

Swimming – Monday

P.E. – Tuesday Library – Friday Times tables test – Monday (Y2 children)

Please ensure that your child has got both their reading book and reading record in their book bag each day.

Please ensure that your child brings a **labelled water bottle** to school each day.

Many thanks for all your help and support. If I can be of any further help please let me know. *Mrs Maule.*