

# Year 2 Newsletter

Just a few notes to keep you updated on what's happening in Year 2 over the Spring Term.

## TOPIC - SPACE

### Knowledge and Understanding of The World

- In RE the children will be learning about the Easter Story and aspects of other religious faiths, including Judaism and Sikhism.
- The Children will be looking at the story of the life of Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, and what it is like to live and work in space. As part of our topic on space, the children will be learning about our Solar System and the planets within it.
- We will be investigating forces and energy in Science, with a focus on the effects of gravity.
- We will be using ICT across all areas of the curriculum and the children will be working on modifying still images, and creating a simple animation.

### Physical Development

Premier Sports will be working with the children on games, whilst the class teachers will be teaching the dance element, including lessons based on planets and robots themes, which will incorporate music such as The Planets by Holst.

### Mathematical Development

This term we will be recapping and extending the children's knowledge of counting, partitioning, securing number facts and relationships, understanding shape, as well as handling data and measures. Children will be also applying their mathematical knowledge to solve 'real life' maths problems and developing a range of strategies and systematic approaches in their maths work.

*As always we value your support and you are welcome into your child's classroom anytime.*

### Creative Development

- The children will consider choices of colour, texture, pattern and shape when they are designing and making imaginative planets and aliens with different materials, including recycled objects, and creating a space travel agency in the class role play and writing areas.
- The children will also be making moon buggies! *Each child will need a child sized shoe box or sturdy box of similar size. We will also need general recycled resources: such as bottle tops, foil containers, plastic forks, sweet wrappers, etc... Do you have any items at home we could use?*
- All the children will participate in making Easter arts and crafts, such as Easter cards.
- This term our music will be linked to dance sessions where we will be looking at using voices and body percussion, with a variety of musical instruments, to explore tempo, pitch, rhythm and musical notation and composition. The children will also learn to sing new hymns and seasonal or topic related songs.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our first topic is 'Going for Goals' and we will focus on acknowledging and being proud of our achievements. This will be followed by the topic 'It's Good to be Me', which will support our 'Feeling Good WOW Week' in February - more details to follow!

### Communication, Language and Literacy

This half term we will be looking at both stories with familiar settings and poetry. This will be followed by traditional stories with a 'twist'. and non-fiction writing after half-term. Children will participate in daily phonics and guided reading sessions. *We appreciate your continued support with spellings and other homework sent home.*

