



NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 - YEAR 2

Welcome to Term 1 in Year 2!

Welcome to our very first term this academic year. I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday, I am incredibly excited to meet you all and work with your children over the coming year. We will begin our topic from 'To infinity and Beyond'; although this has a Space context similarly to last year, please rest assured that this is used as an engaging 'springboard' for a variety of new challenges and exciting new learning opportunities. Please continue to support your child's learning at home and please come and see me if you would like to discuss any ideas, worries or concerns. I am looking forward to us all working together!

Phonics

The children have really worked hard on this in year 1, so it will be an opportunity to initially consolidate previous learning and introduce new alternative digraphs for sounds we already know. We will also target spellings using these sounds and learn to choose the correct sound for different words.

Reading/Spellings

Reading will still be a part of our morning activities. Please make sure your child's book bag is in school every day. I will be introducing a 'Book Worm' reading incentive with the children...watch this space!

Spellings will be sent home in the second week back and will be linked to phonics and spelling rules we will be learning in class to help consolidate their understanding further.

English and Maths

In English we will be exploring the text 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy and using this as a context for our sentence level and grammar learning. We will learn and perform the story and use this to help us plan, write and edit our own adventure story...I wonder where we will blast off to?! We will also be recounting our very own trip to space when we blast off into the explorer dome later this term!

In Maths we will be looking at place value of numbers and using this to help us carry out trickier calculations involving addition and subtraction. We will also be using data handling to find out information for our science and DT learning as well as using properties of shape to carry out investigations and create our own works of art!

We will continue to build on our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and 20 and counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 in order to develop mathematical fluency.

RE/Science/Humanities

This term we will be looking at Creation - how different people view creation, where God protects his creation in the Bible and why we should look after and protect God's creation. Science will be linked to materials and their properties in connection with our DT projects. In History we will explore the significance of Guy Fawkes and learn about the Gun Powder Plot. In Geography we will be learning about the world and how it is made up by familiarising ourselves with continents, oceans and other global features.

Targets/PE

This term the children will be learning to self - evaluate and set their own targets based on what they know and want to find out.

PE will focus on Hockey on a Wednesday, and on a Monday we will be exploring gymnastics to music inspired by the Planets in Dance. Please provide PE kit in school all week.

Homework ideas

Maths

- Practice counting in 2's, 5's and 10's....can you count forwards and backwards? Can you count in 10's from any number?
- Go on a 2D shape hunt...what shapes can you see around the house? Can you name them based on their properties? Which shape is the most common? Can you make a space picture using a variety of 2D shapes?
- Practice your number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Try adding different numbers together to find totals. Can you use a numberline to help you?
- Practice reading and writing your numbers in numerals and words.

English

- Please read for at least 10 minutes each night. Can you spot any of your new sounds or year 2 words? Can you make a glossary for any new words you learn?
- Practice your year 1 and 2 words - can you spell them correctly in sentences?
- Use your sound of the week...how many different words can you think of that have those sounds?
- Write a diary about your weekend in full sentences. Can you include different punctuation?
- Write a set of instructions to make a model/cook something you have made at home so that someone else can make it too!
- Use a non fiction book to find out some fascinating facts about space.

Science

- Go on a materials hunt. How many different materials can you find? Which material is the most common?
- Explore a material you have found, draw a diagram of it and label it with its properties.
- Experiment with different materials to make a superhero cape...which material would be best? Why? Can you make the cape?

Topic

- Can you ask an adult to download a 'star gazer' app and see which stars, constellations and planets you can see from Devides?
- Can you make a moon diary by sketching the shapes it makes over a month?
- Try making a model of a space rocket - which materials will you use? How will you join them together?
- Use different materials to create your own space scene picture - you could collage, paint, use colouring pens.

Wonderful websites

Maths - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>

English - <http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.html>

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/>

Science - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/science/>

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=62>

Art and design - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=84>

Geography - <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=93>

