



**West Row**  
Community Primary School

**Year One**  
**Spring Term 1 Newsletter**  
**2017**

## **Moon Zoom!**

This half-term's topic is based around the theme of 'Castles'. The children will learn about space and will be having a visit from a Planetarium. Once again, if any of you would like to help in class to hear readers or help in other ways please let us know.

### **This term's learning...**

#### English

In English we will start by creating information texts, such as, posters and facts about Space. We will then be looking at writing instructions for Aliens who have landed. This will lead to us writing our own version of a Traditional Tale linked to Space. We will be starting to have discrete Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar lessons. Where we will continue to focus on full stops, capital letter and finger spaces. We will also be targeting letter formation. Spellings will continue and please expect a list of spellings to come home every Friday.

#### Maths

Our mathematical topics will change every week or two weeks as usual. Topics will cover a mixture of practical and written work. We will be learning about addition and subtraction, place value, fractions and measurement.

#### Theme

Our theme will have a strong Design and Technology focus this half term although it will encompass other subjects too.

In Design and Technology we will be designing an alien space ship, testing space related toys and making a moon buggy.

In Science we will be learning about materials, creating simple circuits and making air-propelled rockets.

In History we shall be finding out about the first people to land on the moon and learn about space history.

In Geography we will learn about NASA and explore the Earth using Google Maps.

Computing will involve drawing aliens, using bee-bots and writing emails.

In Art and Design we will create a class model of the Solar System.

In R.E we shall be focusing on the theme of belonging in Christianity.

In PSHE we will be thinking about how we can reach and set our own personal goals.

In Music we will be creating our own piece of space music using a variety of instruments.

Finally, in P.E we will be learning Space dances.

### **Important information**

#### **P.E days**

P.E will still be on Monday afternoon for both classes, Wednesday morning for Nightingale and Thursday morning for Boudicca.

#### **P.E kit**

Due to the foreseeable inclement weather, the majority of P.E sessions will be in the hall. Children will need a t-shirt, shorts and a pair of trainers/plimsolls please. For safety reasons please ensure that **earrings are either removed or covered** and **long hair is tied up** on P.E days.

#### **Home learning**

Thanks for all your support with the children's home learning last half-term. Please look at the home learning sheet to find more details of this half-term's challenges based around our topic. Home learning can be handed in on paper as this is collected and filed at school.

#### **Parent Volunteers**

If you would like to come and help in class, such as, reading we would be really grateful for your help. Please speak to Mrs Dove or Miss Dedross. You will need a DBS check before you can start.

### **Individual reading books**

It was fantastic to see lots of children participating in our Stars in the Jar scheme last half-term. Please keep reading with your children regularly and writing in their reading record book. From this half term children will be changing their own reading books as needed.

### **Home link books and going home arrangements**

Please keep using the home link books to let us know of anything important during the week. We really appreciate it when you keep us informed of any changes in going home arrangements.

### **Important Year 1 dates this half term:**

4<sup>th</sup> January - INSET day

30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> January - Puppet Workshop

8<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening 3:45 - 7:00

9<sup>th</sup> February - Parents Evening 3:45 - 6:00