

Year 1 Spring 2

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a fabulous half term break.

We hope you are looking forward to starting our new topic.

It is out of this world!

Staff: Miss Woolley,
Mrs Evans, Miss Dunn
and Miss Manley

Reminders:

PE is on a Thursday and Friday each week.

Please come to school in PE kit on these days and remove or cover earrings with plasters.

Please note we do not have Forest school this half term.

If you need to speak to your child's class teacher for any reason, please make contact via the year group email.

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English

In our English lessons, we will adapt our style of writing to suit different genres by:

- Read 'A Field Trip to the Moon' by John Hare and Jeanne Willis.
- Apply features of a narrative when writing a fantasy story set in space.
- Write instructions using time conjunctions and command sentences.
- Read and identify the features of non-chronological reports.
- Create non-chronological reports about famous astronauts.
- Apply phonics when sounding out and count sounds in real and nonsense words.

Maths

In our maths lessons we will be developing our knowledge of numbers by learning to:

- Count forwards and backwards to 50.
- Partition numbers to 50.
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Begin to investigate measures, such as length, height and mass.
- Recognise and add coins.

Reading at home

- Your child's school reading book is changed every Friday. Please make sure they have their reading folders in school on a Thursday.
- Children visit the library once a week. These books are for you and your child to read and share together.
- Yew class library day is Wednesday and Beech class is Thursday.
- Please practise the phonics sounds sent home.
- Please practise reading and spelling tricky words with your child.





Moon Zoom



Are you ready for take off Year 1? Hold tight.
5 4 3 2 1... LIFT OFF!

Our next topic is 'Moon Zoom' where we will be learning about the solar system and famous astronauts. It will be out of this world!

Science:

Scientists, get ready to recognise different types of weather from pictures and sounds. We will also assign different weather types to seasons. We will look how day length changes over the year and discuss how it affects our lives.



Design and Technology

Architects, get ready to design a moving space themed picture, using levers and sliders. We will also discuss the strengths and weaknesses of our own and others work.



History

Calling all historians... we are going to be ordering the key events of Neil Armstrong's life onto a timeline. We will also create our own Neil Armstrong diary entries and recount the day of the moon landing. We will also be comparing Neil Armstrong and Helen Sharman.

RE

We will be engaging with religious stories and talk about their meanings.



PSHE

Our theme for this half term is Happy and Healthy Me. We will be learning to understand how growing up changes people's needs and will be able to correctly label the main parts of the body.

Music

Musicians, open your ears... we will be listening to the music of John Williams. We will also compare and contrast his music and express our preferences.

Art

Artists, get ready to papier-mâché to create a planet. We will then use paint to add colour and depth.



As part of our topic, we have chosen a number of tasks for the children to complete at home. The children must complete at least one of these tasks but they can complete as many as they like!

<p>With an adult, search the web, books, magazines or telly for fascinating space facts and make your very own space fact book. You can draw, paint, write or print your ideas to make a scrap book of facts.</p>	<p>Design and make a model rocket. Decorate it in a cool design!</p>
<p>Draw and describe your own alien.</p>	<p>Can you make up a space song or rhyme?</p>
<p>Ask an adult to help you research the names of all the people who have walked on the moon.</p>	<p>Make a telescope from junk cardboard materials and sticky tape. Just before bedtime, use your telescope to look up at the stars. Can you see any wonderful star patterns in the sky? Draw what you see.</p>