

Curriculum newsletter for Class 1 September 2018.

Welcome to class 1 after a lovely sunny, summer break. We have been busy planning a



new topic for this term: Space- how can I fly into the sky?

On Monday we will be able to visit the space dome in Monkleigh Village Hall to launch our new theme. During this half term we are going to look at lots of different ways of getting airborne, including balloons, the first aeroplanes and rocket journeys into space.

In science we will be looking at different materials and deciding which are the best ones for building planes and rockets. We will also be looking at the kinds of materials that are used for making space suits and what the planets are made from.

In maths we will be building on learning from last year and Year 1 pupils will be developing their number sense, counting, adding and subtracting to and beyond 20, year 2 will be working on extending their number sense to and beyond a hundred and working on place value, addition, subtraction and problem solving within these



areas.



Phonics is a key area for development with year 1 and we will be recapping the sounds learned in class R and learning new ones from phase 4 and 5 of the phonics programme. The year 2 pupils will be revising phase 4 and 5 and applying these learned sounds to reading and spelling, learning spelling patterns and tricky words for year 2. We will be sending homework linked to these spellings during this term. English will include some grammar rules (capital letters, full stops, question marks and commas), and different types of writing including space diaries, information about space and



stories linked to the book Orion and the dark.

P.E. and Forest schools.

Class 1 have P.E. every morning except Friday and will need their P.E kits in school every day. This term the children will be taking part on Forest School activities on Wednesday afternoons for six weeks starting on 12th September. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Mayhew will be teaching the class for forest schools and the children will need suitable outdoor clothes and wellies for this activity.

Computing: this term we will focus on using the internet safely, on taking photos and adding captions on the ipad and on recording their space music.

R.E will be taught in a block during Faith week.

Homework

The children in class 1 need to read often at school and at home. During the day there are lots of reading opportunities through phonics and independent activities and English and Mrs Mayhew and I will hear the children read at least twice a week. We also have a couple of adult volunteers who regularly read with our children in school. Please read at home with your child. This does not have to be their reading book, but can be a shopping list to help you with the weekly shopping, a bedtime story, a poem, jokes, comics or information. We are very lucky to have such supportive families who hear children read regularly and this is certainly reflected in their confidence in reading skills.

We will be sending a few spellings home with year 2 children each week for them to learn. This will be on a Friday. Some will follow the spelling rules that we are learning in phonics and some will be irregular tricky words which do not follow the spelling patterns. Later in the term we will be learning times tables and sending these home for the children to practise.

We are looking forward to an interesting, busy term of learning. If you have any questions please see the class 1 team at school or you can email cslocombe@monkleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk or message on class dojo.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind Regards,

Kate Slocombe and Amanda Mayhew.