



P.P.S. Rowan Class

April 2021
Summer Term

Space: Above and Beyond and Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Easter and are ready and raring for the summer term, the last term of Key Stage 1 before the children move to Key Stage 2!

Our topics this term are **Space: Above and Beyond** and **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**. In the first half term the children will be learning about the chronological history and significant individuals in the topic of space. Due to not being able to visit the planetarium this year, we have a space dome visiting the school!

In our Reduce, Reuse, Recycle topic the children will be looking how to be eco—friendly and the effects pollution and global warming have on the Earth. They will be looking at significant places such as The Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

In design and technology the children will generate, develop, model and communicate their ideas to create a space rocket, they will also produce an explanation text to support their rocket. Later on in the term they will be

learning how to cook healthy meals in food technology linking in with their PSHE topic.

In art lessons the children will be creating marble effect space paintings and sketching the planets in detail. In the second half of the term the children will be using recycled materials to create a sea monster from their imagination.

In P.E. this term the children will be taking part in multiskills and cricket lessons learning how to follow rules and work as a team. In the second half of the term the children will be taking part in athletics activities in addition to gymnastics. Please ensure that the children have their P.E. kits in school on a Monday and Friday. This should consist of a t-shirt, a pair of shorts and plimsolls. Earrings cannot be worn during P.E. lessons and must be removed, if they cannot be removed we must be provided with a named roll of tape.

This is just an outline of what the children will be exploring during this topic. We are using these newsletters to give you information about your child's education. The blog will be updated every week to give you a greater insight.



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In R.E. the children will learn about how being Jewish can make a difference to family life and celebrations compared to being Christian.

In Science the children will continue to learn about plants for the first half term. They will then be learning about enquiry and how to ask questions about different aspects of science, including researching how science helps doctors, inventors and farmers. During our Reduce, Reuse, Recycle topic children will be looking at how we can help the environment around us and why this is important.

In computing the children will be learning about search engines and carrying out their own research online. They will also look at e-safety and how to stay safe online when researching and sending emails from our class email account. The children will also focus on algorithms and learn how to create their own programming.

Homework: please read with your child as much as possible. The children are issued with a reading book chosen for their stage of development.

Please make a note of any reading that your child carries out at home, so that they can gain dojo points within class. This will provide them opportunities to share their reading achievements, as well as earning stickers and certificates. Spellings and Times Tables Rock Stars activities will be set weekly.

Thank you for your help at home, it really makes a difference.

Miss Furnell