

# William Westley C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see the children back to school full of so much enthusiasm after the Christmas break. Thank you for encouraging their independence by lining up at 8.55 am and bringing their own things into the classroom first thing in the morning.

This term promises to be a busy one and in **Maths** the children will be looking at addition and subtraction facts, including learning and consolidating their number bonds to 10 and then 20. They will be looking at place value and numbers up to 50 and at multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will continue practising counting to and across 100, forwards and backwards, and learn to write the numbers to 20 in numerals and in words. Our measures topics will include length, height, weight and volume.

In **English** our first theme is Space. We will begin with recounts, looking at the book 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartrum, followed by descriptive writing about aliens. After this we will look at how to write good instructions and end the term with a unit on rhyming poetry. Our main emphasis will be on identifying and writing sentences, using full stops and capital letters consistently, and on correct letter formation and joined handwriting. The children will continue to learn spellings each week based on the high frequency words they need to know and these will be practised each day in class. They will also be given numbers and days of the week as words to learn. They will also read regularly both in guided reading groups and individually.

In **Science** the children will be studying materials and their uses, including looking at magnets and what makes an object waterproof. In the second half of term they will have opportunities to look at the season of Spring and how the seasons change. This will be linked to our Forest school sessions which will start again after half-term.

Our **History** topic this term focuses on Explorers, particularly Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong and the moon landings. We will also learn about Tim Peake and his mission to the International Space Station and compare their journeys to becoming an astronaut. We will make a time-line of the history of space travel and exploration. **Geography** will be taught after half-term and the focus will be looking at weather and hot and cold places in the world.

**Art** this term will be based around aliens. We will be looking at Picasso's sculptures using found objects and use this idea to make junk model aliens. Any junk modelling materials from home gratefully received! In **Design Technology** after half-term we will be creating pictures with moving parts using levers and pivots.

In **Computing** we will continue to teach the children how to log on, and close down the computers safely. Simple programming ideas will be introduced using Beebots and we will also discuss online e-safety and the need to keep our personal information private with a dolphin called Hector the Protector!

In **RE** we will be looking at Jesus the man and the stories he told, ending with the Easter story. In **PSHE** we will focus on people who help us and how to stay safe. **P.E.** will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays this term. Tuesday's focus will be dance and gymnastics and on Friday the children will be taking part in team game activities. Our **Music** will be centred around the song 'In the Groove' and integrated games, percussion, singing and also playing ukulele with Mrs Andrews.

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Parents Evenings** this term will be **Tuesday 5th February 6-9pm,**

**Monday 11th 6 – 9pm and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 3.30 - 6pm.**

**Year 1 class assembly – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**

**Forest school - Monday afternoons from 25<sup>th</sup> February until end of term.**

**Homework menus will come home the week before half-term (theme based around Space and the Moon) and there will be an exhibition of the children's work on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**

Finally, thank you for your continued support this year and please do not hesitate to come to speak with us about any concerns you have regarding your child.

Best wishes, once again, for the coming year.

Anna Shepherd and Jane Rogers