



Turtle Class

Term 1

Newsletter



Welcome back!

We hope you had a lovely summer holiday.

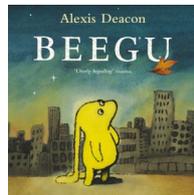
Our new topic is “Moon Zoom!!”



Hold tight ...5-4-3-2-1 ...Lift off! We are going to be exploring all the planets and making our own space ships, as well as designing an alien using the computers. During the course of the term we will be looking at different materials, especially ones from outer space - how are they different from materials on our planet?

English

We will be using information books to find out about the First Moon Landing. We will be exploring the key features such as captions, labels, index and glossary to help us make our own information books.



We will be looking at various types of writing such as lists, post cards, instructions and character descriptions. We will be listening to a variety of Space themed stories, such as Beegu by Alexis Deacon, Toys in space by Mini Grey and Man



Maths

We will focus on counting forwards and backwards in ones from any given number including counting above 100. To count in multiples of twos, fives and tens. To name common 2-D shapes such as rectangle, square, circle, triangle in different orientations and sizes. Use related mathematical language to describe them. To recognise and name common 3-D shapes cuboids, cubes, pyramids, spheres & cylinders. To describe turns including $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. Recognise, find and name a half of an object. Recognise, find and name a quarter as one of four equal parts of an object, shape or quantity.



Science

We will be learning the names of the planets in our Solar System. Understand day and night and the nature of gravity. We will be identifying different light sources including the sun and recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines. We will investigate shadows and learn about the different everyday materials. What are they like in space?



Topic

We will be learning about Space Exploration. Who was the first man on the moon? What happened to Laika, the first dog in space? We will be making space rockets and moon landscapes and create our own aliens! We will also explore the NASA web-site.



PE & Swimming

Swimming will be on Friday this term and PE on Tuesday. Please remember to bring to bring in a PE and swimming kit.



Reading

The benefits of reading regularly with your child can not be emphasised enough. Please encourage your child to read regularly to extend their vocabulary, widen their knowledge and develop a passion for reading. It really allows them to see the structure of the English language and therefore help to develop their writing and understanding of grammar.

To help develop comprehension skills, please talk about the book and ask them questions relating to it.

Remember reading doesn't have to be their school reading book. It can be anything which catches their interest: a comic, a magazine, signs, posters, subtitles; anything and everything!



How you can help?

Keep in contact - Please ensure that you read and sign the contact book every day.

Reading - Please share a book with your child or hear them read at least five times a week.

Talk - Talk to your child about their day. We will detail in the contact book the activities they have taken part in on that day, this will help with what you can talk about.



Turtle class will go to Forest School every Thursday Morning starting 14th of September.

Helpful websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.bugclub.co.uk

www.googleearth

www.nasa.gov

www.spacekids.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics

Finally, thank you for your continued support!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by writing a note in the child's contact book and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We look forward to sharing a great learning journey this term.