

Whale and Octopus

Whale and Octopus welcome everyone back to the new school year and are looking forward to delivering the topics ahead.



Term 1: [Stargazers](#)

Do you know the order of the 8 planets? How far it is to the sun? Could there be life on any other planet?

Our investigation of the Solar System will include looking at how the Earth came to be.

In English we are focusing on the Moon, developing our vocabulary by exploring its appearance, before reading Moon Myths from other cultures and using ideas from these to create our own stories. Children will also be preparing and presenting a talk about Space.

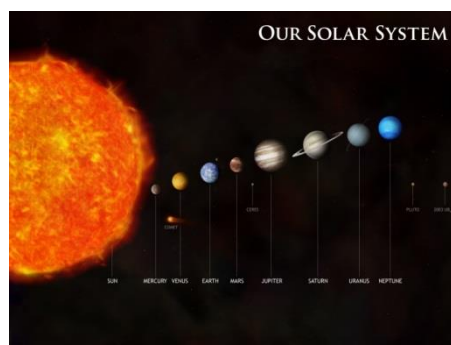
During Maths lessons we will be focusing on the four basic operations this term, as well as revising time, money and shape.

For Science we will be exploring gravity and centrifugal force and its impact on our planet. We will be studying the sun and the orbits of the planets and associated moons.

Meanwhile in History we will be looking at the space race and the first man on the moon, through video and newspaper reports from the time.

Computing lessons will teach the importance of e-safety, especially how to keep ourselves safe, followed by working on coding.

In Art we will be looking at popular images of Aliens and through the use of mixed media we will be creating our own representations.



Physical education:

During Term 1 and 2 on a Friday Octopus class will be swimming at Hundred of Hoo Swimming Pool and Whale class will be Trampolining at Jumpers Rebound Centre. These sessions will run from Friday September 15th to the 15th December 2017.

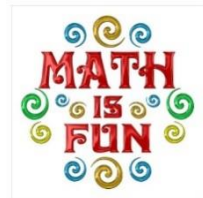
PE will take place in school on a Tuesday and Beam activities on a Wednesday.

Please ensure that students have the necessary equipment to support them in their activities.

Homework: Children will have the Family Learning Projects to complete, but our focus is reading, with a target of 10 minutes reading at home at least 3 times a week, please support your child with this. Well Dones will be given for every book completed.

Maths:

Children need to do some maths every day. Take opportunities at home to get them involved i.e. weighing things in the kitchen, counting out change and checking the time. The new maths curriculum requires children to learn up to the 12 times table, so any practise with this would be great!



Some of our Y6 will be going to the Isle of Wight in October – it should be very exciting!

Useful websites to support your child's learning this Term:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>
<http://www.spacekids.co.uk/learn/>
<http://www.kidsastronomy.com/>
<http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/kidsclub/flash/index.html>



We look forward to seeing you at parents' evening in a couple of weeks.

Mr Newell & Mrs May (Class teachers)