

Year 1 Spring Term Reading

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- Apply their growing phonic knowledge when reading aloud by blending sounds in unfamiliar words.
- Re-read books to build up their fluency and confidence when reading.
- Read and enjoy poetry.
- Make predictions about a story based on what they have already read.

You can help your child by:

Encouraging your child to sound out unfamiliar words both in books and all around them (e.g. signs, labels, magazines).

Listen to your child read and practise word packs daily.

Read to your child as often as you can and don't be afraid to repeat stories if they become favourites.

Year 1 Spring Term Writing

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- Spell words using the graphemes that they have been taught (phonics)
- Form lower case letters correctly, starting and ending in the correct place and begin to join some letters.
- Write each sentence using a capital letter and correct punctuation (full stop, question mark or exclamation mark)
- Reread each sentence to check that it makes sense.

You can help your child by:

Offer your child lots of opportunities for using writing equipment, e.g. pens, crayons, pencils, chalk, paint to draw, write, colour or even just scribble! All mark making is building valuable skills.

Build up fine and gross motor skills with e.g. playdough, sand, threading beads, etc.

Discuss what the children write before and after they have done so.

Practising spellings and word packs at home.

Year 1 Spring Term Maths

By the end of this term your child is expected to:

- Count beyond 100, forwards and backwards.
- Count in jumps of 2, 5 and 10.
- Understand and use these mathematical symbols: + - =.
- Recognise and describe 3d shapes.
- Begin to recognise and understand the value of coins and notes.

You can help your child by:

Counting everyday objects and discussing quantities, e.g. 'We have 6 apples. If we eat 3, how many will we have left?'

Point out numbers and shapes wherever you go.

Allow your child to play with or buy items with real money.

Neil Armstrong



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Background Information on Topic

This term we will be learning about the astronaut Neil Armstrong and the topic of Space. Neil Armstrong was an American astronaut and is best known as the first person to walk on the moon in July 1969. The rocket he travelled in was called Apollo 11. Millions of people watched and heard this event on live television. This was a significant event in the history of the world.

Launch Day

On Monday 7th January, we will be having our launch day. This is where the children are introduced to their topic in an exciting and inspirational way. We would like the children to dress as astronauts for the day. We will have many engaging activities to really get the children excited about our topic.

Enrichment

This year we have decided to bring space to the school hall. For our Marvellous Middle, we have booked a mobile planetarium to visit us at school on Wednesday 27th February 2019. We expect the cost to be approximately £5 per pupil.

PE

For the first half term PE will be on Mondays and Fridays. After half term, PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. All children are required to have the correct PE kit in school for the whole week. All earrings must be removed and long hair must be tied up.

**Important
DATE!**

Key Dates for Spring Term

Thursday 3rd January 2019- First Day Back
Monday 7th January 2019- Launch Day
18th February 2019—22th February 2019 HALF TERM holiday
Monday 25th February— INSET Day
Wednesday 27th February 2019- Marvellous Middle
Tuesday 19th March 2019 - Parent consultations
Thursday 21st March 2019 - Parent consultations
Thursday 21st March 2019—Fabulous Finish—Alien party
Friday 5th April 2019 - Last day of term

Homework

What do you already know about Space? Do some reading research on Space in preparation for our topic. Keep up with the daily reading—enjoy books that you have at home. Practise your counting skills—forwards and backward to 100 from different starting points.

Books to read and songs to sing

Read daily and enjoy the books you have at home.
Find out about space by reading books or websites for information.
Sing—'5 little men in a flying saucer'.



Ideas for Launch Day

It is always more fun if all children come in dressed up for launch day. Why not Google 'Homemade astronaut costume'? Tin foil could also come in handy for costumes or if you're feeling creative, why not get out the paper mache to make an astronaut's helmet?

