

## Foundation Subjects

**Art & Design**– Observational drawing skills using sketch pencils to create shade and tone. Exploring paint techniques and observing the effects.

**History** – The children will be learning about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing and how this has impacted on space travel. The children will also learn about the work on Tim Peake.

**Geography** – Using simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the geography of the school and its grounds. The children will use simple compass directions (N, S, E, W) and locational and directional language (near, far, left, right).

**RE** – Which books and stories are special? The children will investigate special books and writings for religious believers, in particular the Bible and the Qur'an, and discuss why these are special and how they are respected and treated.

**DT** - The children will explore different fixings, fastenings and joining techniques using a range of tools and equipment. They will be designing, making and evaluating a 'toy' with moving parts.

**Computing** – The children will have the opportunity to understand what algorithms are and how they are implemented as programs on digital devices.

**Music** – The children will explore sounds, including those made with percussion instruments. They will also look at ways they can use their voices expressively.

## Enrichment

We are in the process of thinking about how we can deliver lunchtime and after-school clubs moving forward. As soon as anything changes regarding this, we will let you know.

## English

The children will begin the term looking at the text '**Here We Are**' by **Oliver Jeffers**, allowing them to discuss the world around them, including their immediate school environment. As part of our topic 'Earth and Beyond', the children will be introduced to a range of texts and authors with a space theme. The children will discuss story plots, their characters and the vocabulary used in the story. The children will also have the opportunity to read and explore non-fiction texts covering a range of themes

In their writing, we will be focusing on sentence structure and punctuation, showing the children how to improve sentences using adjectives for description.

**You can help your child by sharing a range of books and discussing the characters and settings in them.**

## Autumn Term

Year 1 and 2

## Earth and Beyond

*Our vision is ...*

*A community of confident, creative learners thriving together in a rich, inclusive environment that raises the aspirations of each unique child*

## Science

**Plants** - To identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees

**Seasonal Change** – Observing changes over time, using the outdoor environment to look at seasonal change.

**Animals including humans** - To learn about and identify the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

## Maths

This term the children will be continuing to develop number systems and place value through ordering numbers and identifying missing numbers on a number line or 100 square. The children will also be comparing numbers using the < > and = signs.

The children will also be working on addition and subtraction, developing their strategies to complete calculations, including those with missing numbers. They will be finding 1 and 10 more/ less than a given number.

**You can help your child by identifying numbers in the environment and identifying 1 or 10 more/ less than that number, forming numbers correctly, particularly when writing 2-digit numbers.**

## The Notice Board

- Due to current restrictions, children are not required to change for PE. We do ask that your child comes to school in appropriate footwear for outdoor physical activity on their PE days:
  - 3RY – Wednesday
  - 3T – Thursday
  - 3S – Friday
- Please talk to your child about the work we have been doing and support them by reading with and to them on a regular basis.

## Dates for your Diary

**October half term:** School closes on Thursday 22nd October and reopens on Monday 2nd November.

**National walk to school week:** w/c 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020.