



# Year 2 Autumn Newsletter 2018

St. Mark's CE (Aided) Primary School, Basingstoke

## Welcome to Year 2

We hope your children have settled well into their new classes and are enjoying being back at school. The year 2 team consists of Mrs Boyle, Mrs Spiers and Mrs Bragg in 2SB; Mrs Rosso and Mrs Hatton in 2R and Miss Burgess and Mrs Nicholls in 2B. We also have Mrs Dobell, Mrs Humphries, Mrs Weller-Evans, Mrs Bambridge and Miss Govier working with us this year.

## Our Topics for Autumn Term

Our topic for the first half term is "To the Moon and Back" and then after half term it is "Sparks and Flames". We will link lots of subjects with these themes.



## Current timetables

Our PE days for this half term are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please provide both indoor and outdoor PE kit on a Monday to stay in school all week. If your child has their ears pierced please provide earring tape if they cannot take their earrings out.

Library day is Thursday. Please ensure children have library books in their book bags. These times and days may vary occasionally due to curriculum changes.



# Autumn 1



TO THE MOON  
& BACK



## English - Writing

- Our writing will be topic based encouraging independence.
- Children will work on their awareness of using full stops and capital letters correctly.



## Reading

- Reading will take place twice a week - individually and in a book club session.
- We will focus on comprehension when reading.
- We will carry out activities linked to book club books to show their understanding of the many aspects of reading.

## Grammar

Children will take part in grammar activities within our English focusing on different aspects each week. For example understanding terminology such as nouns, adjectives and verbs.



## Maths

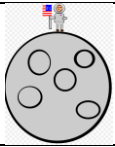
In maths this term we are concentrating on the properties of number. The children will explore:

- Place value of 2 digit numbers and use this to order numbers and continue sequences.
- Comparing numbers using the greater than and less than signs.
- Solving addition and subtraction problems using resources to aid calculation.

## Religious Education

In RE we will be thinking about change:

- Change in our own lives
- Changes that Christians believe Jesus completed for people's lives, with particular reference to the story of Zacchaems.



## History

We will be learning about the Moon landing and the first Man on the Moon. We will learn about what they collected from the moon and their findings.

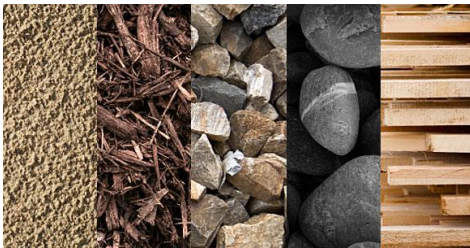
## Computing

In computing we will be focusing on internet safety in order to research our topics and other curriculum subjects safely.



## Art

In art this half term we will use paper and paste techniques to design and create our own 3D space rockets and planets.



## Science

In science this term the children will be learning about materials. We will use 'Winnie' stories as our focus to inspire the children to:

- Explore different materials and look at their properties.
- Investigate which materials would be best for making a space rocket and a rocket landing.
- Explore a variety of materials including; brick, iron, aluminium, cardboard, glass, plastic, marble and granite.

## PE

In games we will be improving skills using a range of equipment.

In dance we will explore ways of moving linked to space.

## HeartSmart



This half term we will be introducing the five key principles.

## Music



In music we will: explore different sound sources, make sounds and recognise how they can give a message.

# Autumn 2



## SPARKS AND FLAMES

### English - Writing

- This half term we will focus our lessons on traditional tales.
- We will be writing instructions and learning how to include bossy verbs in order for others to follow our command sentences.
- Towards Christmas, we focus on writing diary entries for a little robin.

### Reading

During book club sessions this half term we will:

- Read texts and look at answering questions using evidence from the text.
- Make simple inferences about a character's feelings and actions e.g. How do you think the character is feeling? Why do you think they behaved that way?

### Religious Education

In RE we will be thinking about light as a symbol

- We will look at different celebrations and festivals.



### Computing

We will be using paint programmes to create posters for different events including the Christmas Fayre.

### Maths

This half term we explore the following during our maths lessons:

Addition and subtraction

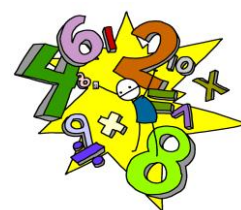
- Solving problems using objects, pictures and written methods.
- Looking at the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and using this to check calculations and solve missing number problems.

Money

- Combine different coins and combination of coins to make a particular value.
- Solve simple money problems.

Multiplication

- Recall and use multiplication facts for 2, 5 and 10 times table.
- Solve problems involving multiplication using resources, arrays and written methods.
- Recognise that multiplication can be done in any order.



### PE

In games we will:

- Be developing our bat and ball skills.

In dance we will:

- Explore a range of movements when we travel to space and meet some unusual creatures.



### Design and Technology

Our D&T unit will focus on mechanisms. The children will explore axles and wheels and then design and make their own fire engines.

### Science

In Science we will continue to learn about everyday materials and investigate which materials are fit for purpose.

### History



In History, we are learning about the Great Fire of London. We will find out how and where it started. We will look at famous people involved with the fire.



## Other information

### Times Table Rock Stars

Over the next few weeks your child will bring home their login and password for:



Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. More information to come.

### Learning Behaviours

We continue to encourage the children to follow our school Learning Behaviours and over the next few days will be introducing our new reward system.



### How can you help?

- Discuss the work with your child and encourage them to do their best.
- Encourage enquiry. Ask questions that encourage your child to think things through.
- Use our Topic Letter as an opportunity to discuss and research work covered in the term.
- Share books regularly at home and model reading for your child then record this in their Reading Log.
- Encourage children to be as independent as possible during the school day, especially when arriving in the morning and getting on with the set task.



### And Finally.....

It is important for children to attend school on time and regularly. However if for whatever reason your child is unable to attend school, please remember that simple activities can be done at home to keep your child's skills sharp and continue their enjoyment of learning. For example: reading, writing sentences, keeping a diary, learning and practising times tables and researching topic information.

Further guidance can be found in your child's Reading Log.



