

# St Mary's CE Primary School



Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a peaceful and enjoyable break. Here is an outline of what we will cover over this half term.

	<p>Key question: What is written in the stars?</p> <p>Hook: Designing and making lunar vehicles.</p> <p>Great work: Publishing their constellation myths and sharing with link classes.</p>
<b>Topic</b>	We will continue our topic on Space exploration by looking at modern astronomers that have helped shape our understanding of the solar system. We will also look at the role played by the International Space Station in developing our knowledge of space before planning our own expeditions to Mars.
<b>Science</b>	We will continue to study Earth and Space, including: eclipses; moon phases; stars; planets and the solar system.
<b>Maths</b>	We will cover: fractions, decimals and percentages; measuring and converting; geometry – position and direction; statistics; written methods and estimating, drawing and measuring angles. Maths will be linked to Space where possible.
<b>English</b>	In English, the children will be learning about a variety of poetic styles to inspire their own poetry writing about Space. During World Book Week, the children will be studying 'Curiosity: The Story of A Mars Rover' by Markus Motum as a stimulus for creative writing. As ever, we will continue to focus on reading comprehension during reciprocal reading lessons, and spelling and grammar will be taught daily along with weekly spelling tests.
<b>P.E. and Games</b>	Our focus will be outdoor adventure activities (OAA) and rounders. Children will have the opportunity to develop their striking and fielding skills and, furthermore, their ability to work as part of a team. OAA include trust games and orienteering.
<b>R.E.</b>	<p>What are the Beatitudes and what do they mean to Christians?</p> <p>What happens at churches during Lent and Easter?</p> <p>We will also be preparing to lead the Easter Service.</p>
<b>Computing</b>	In this unit children will take their own photographs (and/or photographs of space) to select the most appropriate and edit them on screen to produce an exhibition.

<b>Art/D.T.</b>	Art based on Space and galaxies. Techniques will include foreshortening and water colours.
<b>Music</b>	The learning will focus around 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'. The children will listen, appraise, play instruments, improvise and perform.
<b>French</b>	We will be learning to name places in the town, ask the way and give directions, say where we are going and at what time.
<b>P.S.H.C.E.</b>	We will be looking at 'Diversity and Communities'. This unit aims to develop the children's sense of personal identity and self-worth, as well as teaching them to respect the needs and views of others.

Maths homework will be given out on Mondays, to be completed for Friday.

Spelling lists will be issued on Wednesdays, to be learned for the following Wednesday in advance of a test.

Finally, Topic/English homework will be given out on Friday to be handed in on Monday after the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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