

# Year One Newsletter

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all. We hope you have all had a peaceful Christmas. This half term our Learning Focus is Space. This is a new theme for Year One based on interest children had shown in the topic during the Autumn term. They have already shown enthusiasm and eagerness to share what they know and find out more. If you feel that you could contribute in any to this theme then please speak to your child's teacher.

## Mathematics

This half term we will be building on what the children have learned from the Autumn Term. We will be exploring bigger numbers to 20 and beyond, developing a greater understanding of place value and addition and subtraction.



## RE

Children will be considering what is fair and just. Children will be relating their own experiences to stories from the Bible.

## English

Linking with our theme of space we will be using a range of story books about what life might be like there. Children will also have the opportunity to explore information books to gather facts about space and to help them to imagine what it would be like to go there.



## PE

Thank you for returning all of the PE kits. This term children will have PE on a Tuesday afternoon and a Wednesday morning.

## Science



Through-out the term we will be observing weather and seasonal changes that we can see occurring. We will be working scientifically to find out why space food is different to ours, what it would feel like to be in space and which materials make the best space suits. We will also be asking the children what they would like to investigate and basing lessons around their ideas.



## Art and Design

Children will have the opportunity to find out about and recreate art in the style of Peter Thorpe. Children will explore different techniques to create space art.



## Design and Technology

We will be designing, making and evaluating a rocket. Children will have the opportunity to explore the features that a rocket needs and then create their own. Children will be encouraged to explain their choices and consider how successful they have been.



## History

We will be finding out about famous astronauts Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. We will explore how life as an astronaut has changed over the years.



## Computing

This half term we will be exploring how to use our iPads to explore technology. We will be learning lots of skills that will help us to use technology purposefully.

## Music

Children will be learning about different styles of music each week. The six styles are Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk. Children will learn a song in each style, perform to an audience and find out what makes each style unique.

The classes will be creating space themed role plays this half term. If you feel that you have any materials that would lend themselves to becoming part of a space station or space rocket they would be most gratefully received. In particular pipe insulation, silver foil blankets or plastic piping.

**With thanks from the Year One Team.**