

Space Explorers Curriculum Newsletter



We know that when we look up at our sky, we will see the Sun, the Moon and the stars. We take them for granted. But why are they there? What do they do? How do they affect the Earth? Astronomy, like all sciences, is about asking questions. By becoming 'Space Explorers', we can find out more about our solar system and the deeper mysteries of the universe.

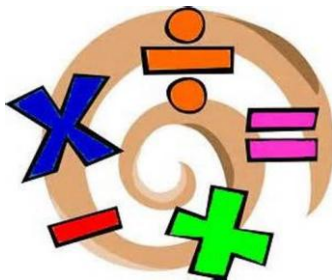
Welcome, all parents, carers and pupils in Milepost 3, to a new term after the summer break. We have already been impressed with the enthusiasm the children have demonstrated in sharing their knowledge about our new Space topic and the children have also been showing their creative skills in completing various fantastic art tasks linked to our class artists.

Maths

Consistent learning objectives across the Milepost this term will be: reading, writing, ordering and comparing increasingly large numbers and consolidating the children's understanding of using mental and formal written methods of addition and subtraction. Additionally, the children in Year 6 will be consolidating their understanding of mental and formal written methods of multiplication and division.

English

In light of this term's focus on Science, both year groups will be writing information reports about features of the solar system. In addition, the children will be writing their own science-fiction stories.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

SEPTEMBER

30th Planetarium Experience
29th 6:30pm Year 6 Meeting with Parents about Morfa Bay residential trip

OCTOBER

13th Flu immunisation day
13th Parents' Evening
15th Parents' Evening
20th Last day of Term 1

NOVEMBER

2nd First day of Term 2



Let's explore the unknown!

Science and Geography

We will be investigating the relative size, distance and orbits of our solar system. Through investigations, the children will be making observations and taking measurements whilst using the appropriate scientific vocabulary. We will also be finding out about different time zones and why there are different seasons.

Art

The children will be creating pieces of artwork in the style of their respective year group artist together with producing artwork in the style of Peter Thorpe, reflecting the colours to be found in nebulae in space.

Religious Education

Year 5 will be looking at the People of God. They will consider how Christians believe they should behave, together with identifying ideas about freedom and justice. In addition, they will investigate the connections between the story of Moses and the message of freedom for all people.

In Year 6, we will be exploring our own views of world religion in our theme of 'Nobody Stands Nowhere'. In this unit, we learn that people have different ideologies and encourage the children to respect each other's viewpoints.

PSHRE

In both Year 5 and Year 6 the children will be focusing their learning around the theme of 'My Healthy Self', considering aspects such as: healthy habits; how to improve their self-esteem and how to deal with complex feelings.

Computing

In Years 5 and Year 6, the children will be looking to further develop their skills and understanding in how to approach the digital world safely.

P.E.

In Years 5 and 6, the children will be practising and improving their skills in tag rugby and in gymnastics.

PE kits!

As we start a new academic year, please could you kindly ensure that your child has a complete P.E. kit in school on the required days. For Year 5, that will be on Mondays and Wednesdays. For Year 6, that will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



French

This term, the children in Year 5 will be learning the names of different vegetables.

In Year 6, the children will be learning the names of different family members.

