

# 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 to all parents and pupils in Milepost 3. We have been so impressed by the attitude of all the children in adapting to the new routines on our return to school. They have all settled in well and we are looking forward to a term of more normality for us all.

## 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 explanation texts about a scientific investigation. In addition, Year 5 will be writing their own science fiction stories. Year 6 will be writing short stories based on their topic of space exploration.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

No events planned for the moment.

### OCTOBER

16<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term

19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> TD Days

### November

2<sup>nd</sup> First day of the new term.



Let's explore the unknown!

### Science

We will be investigating the relative size, distance and orbits of our solar system. Through investigations, the children will be making observations, 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 and Design & Technology

The children will be creating models of our solar system. Additionally, using shape, colour and patterns the children will be creating pieces of art to reflect the fabulous nebulae that can be seen from the Hubble Space Telescope.

### 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. Also, they will investigate the connections between the story of Moses and the message of freedom for all people.

Y6 will be investigating the different aspects of the relationship that Christians have with God, reflecting upon: how Christians view God; considering stories from the Bible; looking at the design of churches and the importance of music.

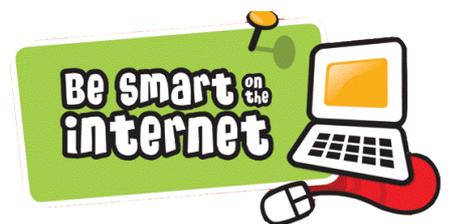
### Learn 4 Life

A key focus for us this term, as well as discussing and establishing new classroom rules, will be in respect of the important area of e-safety and cyberbullying. To support this learning, it would be great to engage in discussion as a family as to your own rules for safe internet, social networking, mobile phone usage and discuss the reasons why.



### French

In Year 5, the children will be practising the days and months of the year and counting to 60 together with expanding their vocabulary to include colours and animals. Year 6 will be consolidating their learning of numbers, class objects, weather and planets.



To help us with classroom organisation in the mornings, please could you kindly send in any snacks for morning break in your child's bag rather than in their lunchbox.

Don't forget to check the school website [www.malmesburyprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.malmesburyprimaryschool.co.uk) for up to date information.

