

Attenborough Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 - 2021

Welcome back to school and welcome to your new class/year group!!! I hope you had a great Summer holiday! Our new topic for this half term is Space in our 'Is there anybody out there?' topic.



Topic – Is anybody out there?

Linking Science and History we will be delving into the fascinating world of Space. Learning about the discoveries that have been made and the ones we hope to make in the near future. The children will be learning about the planets in our solar system and about the conditions on each so they can decide if they would 'like' to live on a different planet and find out if it even would be possible!!

Maths

We will start the half term working on comparing and ordering numbers, this includes large numbers over 1,000, 000 as well as decimal numbers to 2 decimal places. Within this place value and number unit we will be exploring rounding in more depth rounding number to the nearest 100, 1000, 10,000 and 100,000. We will then be moving on to calculations and this will include some work calculating with fractions as well as whole numbers and decimals. The year 6 will be learning more about algebra and how to calculate when letters are involved with Maths.

Art

Children will have the opportunity to create their own paper-mache planets and paint them. We hope to hang these up in the classroom to make our own creative solar system with planets of all sizes floating around.

Modern Foreign Languages

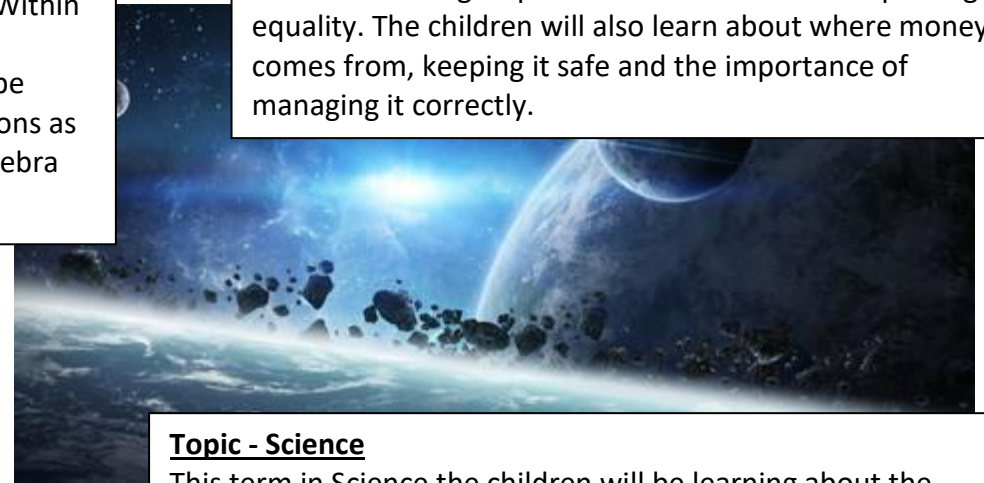
We will be continuing our learning of French this term. We will be re-capping the names of buildings on the high street, the names for occupations and days of the week. We will then be learning classroom routines in French.

PDL / Circle Time

We will spend some time each week learning about 'Rights and Respect', exploring the importance of responsible behaviours and actions, as well as learning about different groups and communities and respecting equality. The children will also learn about where money comes from, keeping it safe and the importance of managing it correctly.

Topic - Science

This term in Science the children will be learning about the planets in our solar system, meteorites, stars and the universe. We will be linking in work by the famous Scientist, Steven Hawking, with some of his work on black holes. A very exciting exploration into outer space!



PE and Games

Games will be on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Holmes our sports coach and PE will be dance with PH Sports on a Monday. In PE the children will be learning new skills and creating their own dance sequences individually and in small groups. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school all week as sometimes there may be a timetabling change or we may have the opportunity to have an extra session. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn outside during the colder weather. Please remind your child to take their kit home at the weekend to be washed. Long hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery (including earrings unless covered) is allowed to be worn during PE and Games sessions.

Computing

The children will be learning how to be artists on the computer this half term. They will learn how to create and share their own geometric patterns and tessellations using the programming elements of 2Go software. They will be developing prior knowledge of Logo, using commands, angles, repetition and sequences. Then they will move this learning on to creating their own 3D shapes on the computer. We will also be exploring e-safety in more depth.

Music

In Music we will be listening to 'Space Music', such as 'Sun Blast', 'Music of the Starry Night' and 'Spiral Galaxy'. The children will then be learning about dynamics and texture and then moving on to develop techniques to perform rap using texture and rhythm. Finally, the children will be creating and presenting a performance of song, music and poetry.



English

In English this half term we are going to be basing our work around an exciting book linked to our Space topic called 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce and then be reading a number of Science information books related to our Space topic to help us write our own information texts. We will then move on to write personal responses to 'The Unsung Hero' advert and then onto 'Goodnight Stories by Rebel Girls' to start our learning on biographies.

We will be exploring new vocabulary, along with sentence structure and re-writing our own parts of the story. The children will have the opportunity to write their first draft, then edit and improve their work both independently and with a peer as well as the teacher.

We will also be learning spelling rules every day which will link with the spellings set for homework and will be continually revisited in our grammar sessions (when relevant) as well as handwriting sessions. Grammar will be taught within English lessons as well as in separate sessions as morning activities and afternoon sessions. We will be re-visiting all aspects of grammar within the primary curriculum from prefixes and suffixes through prepositions, contractions and on to the passive and active voice.

Home Learning

Home learning tasks will be set online on a Wednesday (starting on the second week back) and should be handed in by the following Monday. Dependant on the tasks set these can be submitted online or in their homework book, which will be sent home. If you require a hard copy of the homework or need help accessing the online homework then please speak to Mrs Norman. Please sign your child's reading record so we know how much they are reading at home and can reward them. Reading to your child as well as listening to them read is important to help your child progress, no matter how confident they are. We expect children to be reading at home at least 3 days a week.