



# Half Termly Topic Overview for Parents and Carers

Year 1

Summer Term 2

Topic: Space Travel



This half term we will be learning the following things. Here are also some useful hints and tips for helping at home!

	At School	At Home
English	In English, Year One pupils will be taught through the reading of a range of fiction and non-fiction texts. In addition to this, pupils will continue the teaching of phase 5 phonics. The children will learn the alternative spellings for the different short vowel sounds, applying their knowledge to practise reading and writing words containing these newly taught graphemes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aim to hear your child read at least four times a week.</li> <li>Read your child a book on night – develop a love of reading.</li> <li>Test your child's phonics knowledge using their sound book.</li> </ul>
Maths	In Maths, the children will continue to familiarise themselves with counting forwards and backwards from 100 as well as counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. In addition to this, the children will explore finding a half and a quarter of different shapes and quantities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's at home.</li> <li>Quiz your child on their knowledge of addition and subtraction.</li> </ul>
Science	In Science, the children will begin to develop their knowledge and understanding of plants. They will begin to identify the different types of plants within the school grounds. They will also label the different parts of a flower and know how to successfully grow their own flower.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Talk about the different plants at home.</li> <li>Grow your very own plant at home!</li> </ul>
History	In History, the children will continue to develop their knowledge of space. They will begin to compare the similarities and differences of space travel now and what it was like 50 years ago. They will also explore the role of Neil Armstrong, in the 1969 moon landing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss space with your child at home.</li> <li>Use a telescope to look at the stars on a night!</li> </ul>
Geography	In Geography, the children will explore different places and their communities. They will identify a range of different places, for example: deserts, rainforests and cities – and compare the similarities and differences between them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss different places you have visited.</li> <li>Look at pictures of different places you have been.</li> </ul>
RE	In RE, the children will explore what it means to belong to a faith community. In order to do this, the children will identify what happens during a Christian baptism and why this is such an important event to people of the Christian faith. They will also explore how other religious express belonging.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss with your child what they already know about different religions.</li> </ul>
Art	In Art, the children will be using printing skills to create a moon landscape. They will also look at the work of 'Richard Long' and explore different printing techniques.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Practise your printing skills at home.</li> <li>Create your own moon landscape.</li> </ul>
PSCHE	In PSCHE, the children will be looking at different people in their lives that can help them. The children should be able to name different people they can speak to, if they sad or worried.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss the different people you can speak to at home.</li> </ul>

PE	<p>In PE, our focus will be, 'Run, Jump, Throw'. The class will participate in a range of fun, active, engaging lessons concentrating on a specific skill each lesson. We will be aiming to develop the fundamental skills from each lesson.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage your child to take part in daily physical exercise. It could be; a walk, a run or an outdoor game/activity.</li> </ul>
Computer Science and IT	<p>In Computer Science and IT, the children will begin to identify the different uses of technology outside of school. They will begin to develop their understanding of a simple spreadsheet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice your spreadsheet skills on Purple Mash.</li> </ul>
Outdoor Education	<p>In Outdoor Education, the topic this half term will be, 'Fire'. The children will begin to develop their knowledge of fire safety and identify the key components of a successful fire.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss fire safety at home.</li> </ul>
	<p>Our school has 6 virtues... kindness, bravery, stickability, coolness, respect and fairness. Each term we focus on a particular virtue – and this term is 'coolness'. We work on being more independent and being able to manage our emotions. This half term we will be going on a school trip to the Life Centre this will be linked to our current History topic, 'Space Adventure'.</p> <p>Key dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School Trip - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022</li> <li>- Water fun day – 21<sup>st</sup> July (AM)</li> <li>- Sports Day 2pm (Parents invited) – 21<sup>st</sup> July</li> <li>- Open Evening – meet the new teacher – 13<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage your child to be a little bit more independent.</li> <li>• To remain cool in situations.</li> </ul>