

# Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Key Stage 1

## Autumn 2



In KS1, our reading canon book is *Man On The Moon* by Simon Bartram. As part of our curriculum work, we will take an in depth look at space exploration, the life of Neil Armstrong and the Moon Landing!

Find out more details below!

In **English**, we will write a letter as Bob from Man on the Moon, ensuring our handwriting is well presented and using the correct punctuation. We will also learn about the features of haiku poems, before writing our own.

In **Mathematics** this half-term, we will be continuing the topic of 'Addition and Subtraction'. We will be using manipulatives such as a number line, Numicon and counters to add and subtract numbers within 20. We will also be recognising and sorting 2D & 3D shapes.

### In our Topic-driven afternoons we will be:

#### History

We will be looking at the life of Neil Armstrong. We will be creating a timeline of his life. We will then look at the significance of the moon landing as a historical event.

#### Geography

In Geography, we will be looking at the seven continents of the world, we will be discussing their climate and their positions in relation to the equator.

#### Science

In Science, we will be learning about the topic of 'Animals'; looking at animals' key characteristics and classifying them into groups. We will also look at the life cycles of different groups of animals.

#### Art & Design

In Art, we will be creating planet sculptures using papier mâché techniques. We will use painting techniques to recreate different planets.

#### PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning all about healthy bodies, we will be looking at the benefits of a healthy diet and exercise. We will learn about hygiene and how we can keep ourselves fit and healthy.

#### RE & Music

In RE, we will be looking at the significance of sacred texts and stories, we will look at both Muslim and Hindu stories and discuss their significance to worshippers. In Music, we will be learning what makes an expressive and effective performance, we will be learning and performing songs for our nativity.

### You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Asking me to apply my maths skills in real life situations (e.g. counting objects and sorting).
- ✓ Listening to me read every night and asking questions.
- ✓ Supporting me with my homework tasks.
- ✓ Helping me practise my spellings and forming my letters correctly.

### Homework:

Your child is expected to read a minimum of four times a week, please evidence in their reading record. Books should be returned to school on Monday and Friday to be changed. Spellings homework will go home every Thursday (starting later in the autumn term for Year 1) and every Friday for Year 2.

Spelling tests are completed on a Thursday afternoon (Y1) and a Friday morning (Y2).

Our PE lessons this half-term will focus on Fundamental Skills and Team Building.

Year 1 - **P.E.** is on: **Tuesday and Thursday**

Year 2 - **P.E.** is on: **Monday and Friday.**

Please ensure your child has their PE uniform with them in a bag on these days.

**Key Stage 1 Teachers:** Mrs Humphreys, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Wright  
**Other adults:** Miss Dimmock, Mrs Cuthbert, Miss Mortimer, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Midgley, Mrs Weathers