

Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Upper Key Stage 2

Autumn 1



In Upper Key Stage 2, our learning this half-term will see us exploring the much-loved text **Cosmic**. The story follows a young boy called Liam Digby, a tall twelve-year-old who pretends to be a dad to join a space mission. What starts as a funny trick turns into a real adventure, where Liam learns about responsibility, family, and growing up.

In **English** this half-term, pupils will be exploring and using the features of poetry to write and perform for other children around school. We will begin by looking at free verse poetry.

We will be focussing on ensuring that our spelling, punctuation and presentation is to a high standard, as well as learning the features of the text type.

In **Mathematics** this half-term, we will be focussing on place value and roman numerals. We will gain greater independence with reasoning and problem-solving questions.

We will also continue to work on our mental arithmetic. Continuing to practice multiplication tables is essential, to ensure we rapidly recall number facts in our calculations.

In our Topic-driven afternoons we will be:

History

In History, we will compare and contrast space travel technology from the 1960s to the modern day. We will explore the roles of key individuals who were influential to the history of space travel.

Geography

In Geography, we will be learning how to use an atlas to locate countries around the world where space programmes exist. We will be able to locate rocket launch sites on a map and describe the human and physical features of those locations.

Science

In Science this half-term, we will be learning about the solar system and how the Sun and Moon affect everyday life, using sundials and investigating phases of the moon.

Art & Design

In Art, we will be exploring the use of watercolours to further our painting techniques. We will develop our skills by designing different planets to create a solar system. In DT, we will learn to use nets and Computer Aided Design to create our own programmable toys.

PSHE & RE

In PSHE, we will understand what discrimination is and reflect on its impact on people's lives. We will then learn about diversity and celebrate our differences by learning how different groups make up and contribute to a community. In RE, we will identify and compare different places of worship for Christianity and Judaism.

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 change).
- ✓ Listening to me read and asking questions.
- ✓ Supporting me with my homework tasks.
- ✓ Helping me practise my spellings and times-tables.

Upper Key Stage 2 Teachers: Mr Pitchfork and Mrs Jennings.
Other adults: Miss Dimmock, Mrs Weathers, Mrs Waller and Miss Dransfield.

Year 5 - **P.E.** is on: **Thursday (OAA) and Friday (Dodgeball)**

Year 6 - **P.E.** is on: **Thursday (Dodgeball) and Friday (OAA)**

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

Homework:

Your child is expected to read a minimum 90 minutes a week, please evidence this in their reading record. Spelling and times-table homework will go home every Friday.

Spelling tests are completed on a Friday morning. Please ensure all homework is completed and handed into the class teacher by the following Friday.