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Year 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Year 1 this half term.

Curriculum

Our topic this half term is '**Moon Zoom**' and the main focus for this topic will be Science, Literacy and Topic.

Memorable Experience: A visit from the planetarium and space day!

English: Pupils will be learning about space and the different planets we have. They will learn to read and write instructions to make different things. Pupils will also learn to describe different characters like aliens!

Maths: Pupils will learn to count, read and write numbers to 100 in numerals and count in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s. Pupils will learn to read, write and interpret mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs. Pupils will also learn to represent and use number bonds and related subtraction facts within 20. They will learn to recognise and name common 2-D and 3-D shapes, including: 2-D shapes [for example, rectangles (including squares), circles and triangles]; 3-D shapes [for example, cuboids (including cubes), pyramids and spheres].

Science: Pupils will be learning about the different seasons we have in the UK and comparing to seasons in different countries. Pupils will learn to observe changes across the four seasons. Pupils will also observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies.

Topic: Pupils be learning about space. Pupils will learn to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products. Pupils will be drawing and painting to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination. Pupils will also learn about events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally like the first man on the moon. Pupils will also learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements like Neil Armstrong.

PE: Pupils will be developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities and games.

Homework:

- Practise phonics sounds learnt in school
- Practise spellings
- Complete maths homework

Reading:

Please encourage your children to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books as frequently as possible. The story Aliens Love Underpants by Claire Freedman is a great story to start with. Aliens love underpants, in every shape and size. But there are no underpants in space, so here's a big surprise....

Kind regards,

Mrs Lally, Miss McKoy and Miss Rahman
(Year 1 teachers)