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PRESTON HEDGE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

PHASE 1 NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th March

WELCOME FROM MRS CHAPMAN

Hello and a lovely welcome back to you all. Term 4 is a short half term, but the children have already packed in so much learning into these first few weeks! Spring is just around the corner, and we are very much looking forward to some drier, warmer weather! Key dates can be found towards the end of the newsletter. As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to come and speak to me. I am always at my classroom door in the mornings/afterschool, and I will also be at the school gates every Tuesday from 3.10pm.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Last week everyone at PHPS celebrated World Book Day, we enjoyed sharing our fantastic costumes and story board shoe boxes with our classmates. The children

in Reception and Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed having the Y3 and Y4 children coming to our classrooms to share picture books that they had written themselves.



RECEPTION

SPACE

5 4 3 2 1...blast off!! Our out of this world topic this term is Space! The children have enjoyed exploring all things space in our wonderful environment. From making astronaut food in the outdoor kitchen, writing planet facts and experimenting with space galaxy textures in the investigation area.

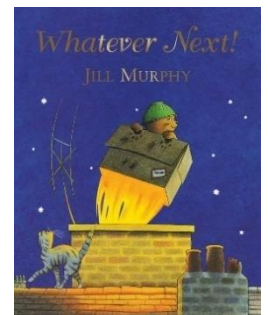


Maths

We will be focusing on the following: To be able to explore 3D shape and use mathematical language to describe them, understand number bonds to 5 and 10 and begin to subtract single and then two-digit numbers.

Literacy

Literacy this term is linked to the story 'Whatever Next', the children will be writing invitations for a picnic on the moon, and learn to read and write Phase 4 harder to bread and spell words. We will also explore non-fiction space books to help us understand more about the different planets. The children will then create their very own fact file on their favourite planet.



PE

In PE this term we will be focusing on traveling with control and coordination and changing direction at speed through both choice and instruction. We will also be working in partners and teams to share ideas and solve problems together.

RPSHE

In RPSHE this term the children will be thinking about how sleep is important for our health, who to go to when we need help, and to be able to use our resilience when we realise, we have made a mistake.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Music

During our space topic the children will have the opportunity to sing songs in unison, perform a song with actions and learn how to copy sounds using low and high pitches.

Art

In art this term we will be exploring artistic effects, blend media together and use collage techniques to enhance interpretations.

DT

We will be using reclaimed materials to make our very own racing rockets! We will also be working in the Big Outdoors creating planet bird feeders and alien mud faces.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Science

In Science we will be understanding that space is far away and begin to use scientific vocabulary to explore and describe different space environments.

The children will also explore gravity by looking at the similarities and differences between Earth and Space.

We will also be having an exciting visit from Atomic Tom to celebrate science week!

History

The children will learn how to talk about inspirational figures from the past including the amazing astronauts who have walked on the moon.

RE

This term in RE, the children will learn all about the Easter Story, talk about how they celebrate Easter and explore the celebration of Ramadan.

SPACE CELEBRATION DAY

We will be having a space celebration day on Friday the 22nd March where we will be dressing up as space characters and enjoying lots of fun space activities!



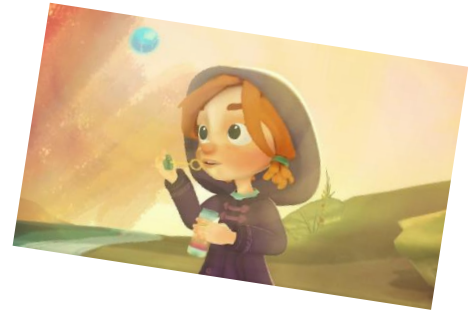
YEAR ONE



LITERACY

During our literacy sessions this half term, the children will be exploring creative writing using a video stimulus.

The children will be creating and writing their own stories focusing on including a variety of sentence starters, conjunctions, adjectives, verbs and expanded noun phrases to produce some fantastic descriptive sentences.



MATHS

This half term, the children will be identifying and making money amounts using different coins. We will also be identifying and naming 3D shapes and recognising their properties.

The children will also be looking at data handling; using Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams to sort a variety of objects using different criterion.

We will be continuing our mental maths sessions each day. You can support your child at home by practising counting forwards and backwards to 100, remembering their number bonds to 10/20 or counting in multiples of 2s, 10s, and 5s. If you would like any support with this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

CURRICULUM

History

This year, our history curriculum is focusing on key British time periods linked to the Royal Family. This half term, the children will be studying 'The Elizabethan' time period, focusing on the reign of Queen Elizabeth I.

We are planning to have a celebration day on **Tuesday 26th March**. We ask all children to come dressed as a royal member. This could be a King, Queen, Prince, Princess, knight or even a dragon! Their chosen outfit could either be based on either a fictional royal

character or a real-life monarch. We are going to be taking part in lots of exciting royal activities such as; traditional Elizabethan dancing, making our own coats of arms, some royal baking and enjoying a royal banquet!

Science

We are continuing with our Everyday Materials work this half term, using our prior knowledge of material properties to conduct simple science experiments. Which material is best for a welly boot? And... Which material would protect Humpty Dumpty from having a great fall?

RE

This half term in RE we are focusing on new beginnings (Spring) and why Easter is a special time for Christians. We will be learning about the Easter story and how different people celebrate Easter.

AIR AMBULANCE VISIT

On the 12th March, the children had a visit from Vicky who told them all about the lifesaving work of The Air Ambulance Service. During the assembly, the children learned about a free to join children's club called #TheCrew. Should your child wish to join or if you'd like to learn more, please visit <https://theairambulanceservice.org.uk/childrens-air-ambulance/the-crew/>

DATES AND REMINDERS

Reception Celebration Day – Friday 22nd March

Y1 Celebration Day – Tuesday 26th March

Parents Evening – Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th March

Termly reports for parents & end of term

Dare to be Different day – FOPH event - Thursday 28th March

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND!

Mrs Chapman