

Autumn Term 1

## Journey Through Space

**Core Value:** Creativity and Resilience

### **Rationale: (why are we doing it?)**

This memorable experience will allow the children the opportunity to celebrate the forthcoming 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first moon landing. We will be taking the children on a 'Journey Through Space' to discover the importance of space exploration and learn about the different planets. The children will get to explore a variety of space stories to stimulate their imagination for their own writing of space stories. They will also be given the opportunity to investigate and use a variety of other exciting medium in space related activities.

### **The Hook:**

A NASA stimulated rocket launch where the children will role play being an astronaut.

### **Authentic Outcome:**

A virtual reality journey through space.

## *The main curriculum subjects which focus on the outcome*

### **English -**

Recount of the first moon landing.  
Non-fiction information sheet on the planets.  
Retelling a space adventure story.  
Writing of their own space adventure story.

### **Art and D & T**

To create their own NASA space picture using the process of felting.

### **History**

We will be looking at the life of Neil Armstrong as a significant individual and paying particular attention to the importance the first moon landing and the impact it has had on national life.

# The other areas of the curriculum.

## **Reading Focus -**

Using phonics to sound out new words, Discuss stories read.

## **Spelling & Grammar Focus -**

Segmenting and blending for spelling. Letter recognition, correct letter formation, capital letter, full stop, question mark. Spelling Zappers

**R.E** - We will be focusing on what it means to belong to a faith community.

**P.E** - Dance and attack and defending games.

Hedgehog Class have PE every Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on these days.

**Science** - We will be identifying and naming a variety of everyday materials and beginning to explore their suitability for space.

## **Maths**

**We will be focusing on these areas in maths this term:**

Counting and number to 20

Place Value

Solving reasoning and explanation questions.

Recognising and naming the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

Addition and subtraction, within 20

## **Home Learning**

- Reading - Please listen to your child read every night for 10 minutes. Every time you listen to your child read, please note in the contact book the date, pages read and any comments. This information is useful when assessing whether a child is ready to change their reading book.
- Homework see separate letter.
- Maths Learn Its - Please help your child to learn their Learn Its for this term. Learn Its list to be sent out separately.
- Reading and spelling words - Please help your child to learn how to read and write the common exception words for your child's year group. These words will be sent out on a separate sheet.

Please ensure children bring in a water bottle containing only water every day. If your child has a packed lunch they will need separate water bottles for their packed lunch and the class room.