



Spring 2

Puffins Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

We are pleased to welcome you all back ready to start the next half of the Spring term. We have lots of exciting new units for the children to enjoy and are looking forward to seeing the work that they produce, both at home and in school. This is the work that the children will be covering over the following term in KS1:

History:

We will be continuing our Space topic in History. This half term we are becoming authors! We will be creating our own non-fiction texts about famous astronauts. The astronauts we will be learning about are Neil Armstrong, Helen Sharman and Tim Peake. To develop our History skills, we will be looking at how we can use different sources to find out different information about past events.



DT:

In DT, we will be investigating vehicles. Our design brief is to make a prototype vehicle that Neil Armstrong can use to hold a camera which will take photos of the moon. We will be developing skills to design and then construct a moon buggy prototype with axels and wheels. Then we will evaluate our product against the design brief.

Science:

In Science this half term we will be looking at the four seasons and the weather. We will look at how the seasons change, what time of year each season is, how long the seasons last and what the weather is like in each season. We will also become weather reporters and look at weather symbols and how to present the weather clearly.



PE:

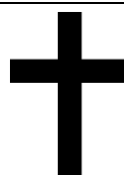
This term we will be recreating a journey to the moon using dance. We **will use** a range of vocabulary to describe moods and how dances make us feel. We will explore the change of rhythm, speed, level and direction while developing our awareness of safe movement. Finally, they will practice skills to make them warmer and cooler before and after exercises.

PE Days

Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure your child comes into school in the appropriate PE kit and have a bottle of water in school.

RE:

In RE this half term, our enquiry question is 'Why does Easter matter to Christians?' In this unit we will be learning about the Easter story, looking at how it fits into the Christian 'Big Story' and looking at how it is celebrated today. We will also be learning about the Christian idea of life after death.



PSHE:

We will be talking about things that we are good at and set themselves goal. They can discuss what other people are good at and are sensitive to the fact that people have different strengths and interest.



We will be learning about how and why people use the internet and know the benefits of using it and how to communicate safely (knowing that not all they read is factual and true).

Also we will learn more about how we are all equal, and discuss ways in which we are the same and different to others in our community.

Computing: Our computing this half term focuses on Computer Science. We will be continuing our learning all about algorithms. We will be applying these skills on the Beebots and coding games on Purple Mash.



Music: In Music, we will be creating a Soundscape of a journey to the moon. We will explore using voice sounds, body percussion and untuned instruments in small groups.



Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, reading book, water, homework, and anything else they may have been asked to bring in.



Home learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practice spellings
- Learn doubles of numbers to 10.
- Complete half termly project work



Home reading: Please ensure that your child reads 5 times a week and you use the GoRead App to record this.

Reading Challenge

5 x= Green

2/3/4= Yellow

0/1= Red

If your child achieves green for the week, they will be entered into a special prize draw! Only books that children take home from school will go towards the reading challenge – either the home reader or a book from the 100 Book Challenge. This will ensure that your child is reading books appropriate for their ability.

Our School Twitter page - @Gates_Puffin We have a school twitter page which we update regularly. You can see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in school and how hard the children are all working. Please give us a follow to keep updated!