



Monkton CEP School
Class 2 - Dragonfly Class Newsletter
'Every child is special'



Welcome to Term 1, and a special welcome to Year 1 children and their parents to the family of Class 2. This week we have been looking at 'Everyone is Special' and we have used this to talk about our talents, our families, class rules and how we can show kindness to each other. This has set a few guidelines for the start of the year and also made a really positive start to respecting our differences.

Our Creative Curriculum - Moon Zoom

This term we'll travel through Space to learn about the Solar System. We'll investigate an alien crash site, write an incident report and try to find the aliens who have landed. We'll look at space vehicles, books and photographs to help us learn about the first lunar landing and the astronauts who venture into space. Floor robots will be programmed to move around, and we'll compose space songs and music. We'll also explore satellite images, investigate rockets and use ICT to communicate our ideas and present our work.

English

Linked to Moon Zoom:

- Posters
- Character profiles
- Non-chronological reports
- Adverts
- Science fiction stories

Letters and sounds:

Continue to follow Phase 3 of the letters and sounds scheme as well as introducing key spellings patterns such as homophones, polysyllabic words, common exception words and alternative spelling of the same sound.

Mathematics

Place Value and ordering numbers including:

- Reading and writing numbers in digits and words
- Sorting and counting objects
- Looking at the value of digits e.g. tens and ones

Representing numbers in different ways

Addition and subtraction

- Number bonds
- Using place value to add and subtract

Science

Linked to Moon Zoom:

- The Solar system including weather and seasons
- Materials and their properties

Computing

Linked to Moon Zoom:

- Drawing software to make their own aliens and algorithms to programme floor robots

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Creation

Who made the world

Story of *Genesis*. How do Christians say thank you? What do Christians do to look after the world? What rules would the creator give? Why do we need to look after the world?

PE

The children will be working with our sports coaches and Miss Jenks, improving their core skills through a range of activities.

PE Day is a Thursday.

Foundation subjects

Moon Zoom!

Design Technology - designing and making space themed vehicles.

Geography - satellite images

History - famous astronauts

Music - Space themed songs and music making and exploring percussion instruments and looking at families of instruments

PSHE - HeartSmart scheme - Looking at using our powers, who we are grateful for, how to look after ourselves and earning money.

Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning:

Maths

Place Value

Addition

Subtraction

Hundreds

Tens

English

Author

Illustrator

Non-chronological

Reports

Fiction/Non-fiction

Moon Zoom

Constellation

Gravity

NASA

Science Fiction

Specimen

Universe

Zero gravity

Star

Astronaut

UFO

Dates for the diary

13.9.19 - Roald Dahl Day for children - Children are invited to dress up as their favourite Roald Dahl character, or wear something yellow and bring in their favourite Dahl Book.

19.9.19 - **Parent Information session 2.45pm** - Come and spend some time with me to find out information on year group expectations, homework and general class information.

17.9.19 - Visit from a Planetarium to launch our Moon Zoom topic

25.9.19 - Individual and family group photographs

14.10.19 - Black History Week