

**Spring Term 2021
(Year 1)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your family are well and enjoyed the Christmas break.

We would like to share with you an overview of the term ahead. In maths, we will be looking at addition and subtraction, as well as properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will begin by adding and subtracting numbers within 10, before moving onto numbers up to 20 as we progress through the term. Children can login in at home to practice their maths using Mathletics. Mathletics is certainly beneficial to children as we will be setting specific activities linked to in school learning. Please contact your child's class teacher, via Class Dojo, if you need a reminder of your child's username and/or password.

In English sessions, we will begin by focusing on the book 'Field Trip to the Moon' by John Hare. We will be retelling and sequencing the story, using roleplay and performance techniques and creating story maps to support with our story telling. We will also be exploring the stories 'Look up!' by Nathan Bryon, 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram and 'Why do we Remember? Neil Armstrong and the Moon Landings' by Izzi Howell. Throughout the term, we will be using the texts to support with our writing, as we compose letters, stories, diary entries and non-chronological reports.

In history lessons this term, we will be learning about Neil Armstrong and the impact he had on space travel. We will develop our understanding of events that happened within his life before investigating the moon landing of Apollo 11. In Geography, we will be looking at the local area of Murton, including local landmarks, maps and develop our understanding of human and physical features. Science lessons will develop our understanding of animals as we explore animal groups, their features and diets. We will complete a number of scientific enquiries to allow us to develop our scientific skills.

To support classroom-based study in Year 1, we use the school forest and grounds to enhance our learning experiences. Please ensure that wellies and waterproof clothing are brought into school each week to allow children access to the outdoor environments.

Please remember...

Full PE kits must be brought into school on your child's PE day. Children need to wear Ribbon kit which consists of a black hoody and jersey bottoms.

It's vitally important that your child practices their reading at home and brings their reading book to school every day – please support your child to clock-up their reading miles!

School Holidays in the Autumn Term 2021

School closes for Half term – Friday 12th February @ 3.30pm

School reopens – Monday 22nd February @ 9.00am

School closes for Easter – Friday 26th March @ 3.30pm

School reopens – Monday 12th April @ 9.00am

We strongly discourage holidays taken during term time. For more information, please contact Mrs K Maddison (Family Support Advisor) via main reception.

Kindest regards,

Miss Keeling, Mrs Childs and Miss Jarvis (Year 1 Team)