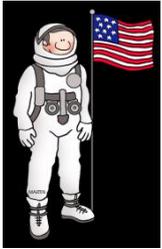


Welcome back Class 2

It has been great to see so many happy and enthusiastic children returning to school at the start of the new school year and looking very smart too in the correct school uniform. I hope you had a fantastic break and are ready for a fantastic year of fun filled learning!

How did Neil Armstrong get to the moon?



Our theme for this half term is 'How did Neil Armstrong get to the moon?' We will be researching all about Neil Armstrong and learning lots about space. We will be singing songs with a space theme and making our own 3D planets to showcase to KS1! We will also be considering how Neil Armstrong had to keep himself fit and healthy in order to be allowed into outer space.

Maths This half-term we will support children to become more confident counting on and back in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's from any two-digit numbers. We will rehearse recognising the place value of 2 digit numbers (36 is 3 tens and 6 ones) and use this knowledge of place value to order and compare numbers. We will use hundred squares and number lines to help us solve addition and subtraction calculations. We will also begin to apply our mathematical knowledge to different types of problems.



English This half term we will read the book 'Toys in Space' by Mini Grey and use the book to write our own fictional story about Toys in Space. We will also be using the book 'Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11' to help us write a non-chronological report all about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing.

Science Our topic in Science is Animals including Humans. We will be asking ourselves 'How did Neil Armstrong look after himself so he was able to go to the moon?'. Children will explore what humans do to look after their bodies in order to stay fit and healthy. We will look at healthy eating, exercise, hygiene and our teeth before using all of our learning to create a leaflet that will help other children to look after their bodies too. We will also be focusing on using enquiry to ask different scientific questions and use this skill to lead our learning.



Punctuality The doors into school are open for children from 8:45am. It really helps your child and the rest of the class to start the school day well if they arrive at this time. Please be punctual.

P.E. Year two are extremely lucky to have Major Oaks teach their P.E. lessons, twice a week, on a Monday and Friday. They will also be continuing their Yoga lessons on a Tuesday. Please make sure children have the right PE kit in school. They are expected to wear navy or black shorts and a plain white t-shirt along with plimsolls or trainers. Blue or black track suits may also be worn during colder weather. It is ideal for the children to keep their kit in school all half term then they will definitely have it when they need it. At half term we will send all PE kits home so they can be washed.



Reading Books Please listen to your children read as regularly as you can, ideally every day. As a rule it would be great if children could read at least one book every week. Children who read confidently tend to be those that do best in other school work too. It is really helpful for us if family write in the reading diary to show when children need to change their book. Please help your child to be in the routine of bringing their book bag into school every day.



Homework A homework pack with links to our theme will be issued each half term for children to complete during the half term. Homework show and tell will be on a Friday afternoon where children can achieve 5 dojo points for their home learning!

Phonics and Spellings As a school we are changing the way spellings are taught. Children will no longer sit a weekly 'spelling test' and therefore will not receive a weekly spelling score. Children will still receive spellings to practice at home that they will use during weekly spelling lessons and within their writing. If you need any more information on this, please feel free to speak to me at the end of the day.

Class Dojo You will be receiving a class dojo invitation that works in the same way as it has in previous years. I will strive to update our class page as often as possible. Please support children to view the class page. This might even encourage some children to tell parents more about what they have been learning about in school!

Dates for your diary

Parents' Evenings - Monday 24th September &
Wednesday 26th September

Finish for Half Term - Friday 26th October

Return from Half Term - Monday 05th November

Please don't hesitate to speak to me after school if you have any questions or queries and I will do my very best to help. Thank you for your support.

Miss Benson

Mrs Vladev