

Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers
Spring term 2nd half
Space

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term in Hedgehogs and Woodpeckers we will become Space Explorers. In Literacy we will be using non-fiction books to learn about Space before using our understanding of non-fiction books to create our own information books about the Solar System. The children will go on a space mission and discover an imaginary watery planet. During their stay on the watery planet they will write about their eventful journeys, write letters home and send postcards to their friends and family. The children will create their own planets and describe what it is like there. They will also



design aliens that inhabit their planet and advertise their planet in a poster. Following on from this we will think about what sort of food we made need to take on our journey into space. We will write space menus, recipes and write simple instructions to help the aliens prepare food on their planet. Finally we will find out about Neil Armstrong and discover why he is an important figure in history. We will imagine that we are Neil Armstrong and we will record a diary of our journey from Earth to the Moon.

In Numeracy we will be using a variety of practical techniques and methods to explore counting, estimating properties of numbers and number sequences. In week 2 we will look at place value, ordering and rounding. Next we will develop our understanding of addition + and subtraction -. In week four our focus will be on understanding multiplication and division, including arrays. During week 5 we will be learning about measures, particularly time.



In Geography we will look at satellite images from space as well as Google Earth. We will also look at



maps and their features, the children will then devise their own map of their planet. In History we will learn about Neil Armstrong and the children will discover why he is important in space travel. Throughout this term in Science the children will learn about materials and their properties. They will test different materials and decide which would be most suitable for space clothes on our imaginary planet.



In DT and Art the children will be designing and making their own planets using paper mache as a structure. We will be exploring different ways of decorating our planets, for example, marbling, printing and adding different ingredients to paint in order change its texture. They will design their own rocket and make a prototype of their creation. We will also be designing and making healthy planet pizzas and moon biscuits. Our PE sessions will focus on dance and gymnastics and in music we will be exploring how we can use the musical instruments to make different sounds. As a class we will create our own piece of space music. RE will focus on the meaning of the cross to Christians all over the world.

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Finally in PSED we will discuss our relationships in school and in our local community. We will think about what makes a good friend and how we should treat people. We will also consider what makes a community.

As you can see we have a very busy term ahead of us! It was been an exciting topic to plan and we hope the children enjoy it!

Many thanks

Miss Souter, Mrs Willer and Mrs Davies