



Spring 2024 1st Half Term - Year 1

We hope you all had a restful holiday and a wonderful Christmas. We are raring to get started with the new term and have got lots of exciting things planned for the children. All of your children have returned to school eager to learn and it's great to be greeted by their happy faces every morning. Team Parkland will begin a new topic on Space which the children are already curious to learn more about.

English

★ **Poetry:** The children are really showing us how ready they are to write more extended pieces of writing, we are so proud of the progress they are making! This term we are going to be teaching the children about poetry. We will introduce them to a range of poets and look at different forms of poetry. The children will be encouraged to write their own poems in various styles. We will be selecting poems that link to our Space topic.

★ **Phonics** The children will continue to have new sounds introduced each week which will now mainly be digraphs. There will be many opportunities to practise writing and reading these sounds in words. We are looking forward to welcoming the Letterland film crew into school this term.

★ **Spelling:** Please continue to practise spellings with your children at home. They need to be becoming more and more confident with spelling high frequency words correctly.

Maths

★ Addition and Subtraction (within 20)

This term the children will continue to develop their fluency when it comes to addition and subtraction. They will continue to use their knowledge of number bonds to answer addition and subtraction questions and will be working towards developing automaticity (being able to add and subtract without spending time working out the answers.) We will be introducing a new and fun online tool for developing rapid recall of number bond facts. Watch out for Numbots!

★ Place Value (within 50)

Later on in the term the children will be extending their number knowledge by learning about numbers to 50. They will continue to look at tens and ones, numbers that are 'more than' and 'less than' each other and ordering and sequencing numbers.

Topic Focus

Space

★ **History:** We will be focusing on significant people and events that occurred in relation to space. The children will learn about the timeline of events that lead to the first moon landing. This topic enables the children to learn about historical events from more recent times.

★ **Science:** In science this term, the children will be learning about materials.

★ **Geography:** This topic will give the children the chance to learn more about the different seasons, where hot and cold areas are located on the globe and the seas surrounding the UK.

★ **RE:** The children will be learning about the religion of Hinduism. This will include some Hindu festivals and their beliefs on the creation of the world.

★ **PSHE:** The children will learn about what makes healthy and happy friendships

Team Parkland reminders for this half term

- ★ **PE days: Chestnut:** Monday and Thursday **Alder:** Monday and Wednesday **Hazel:** Monday and Wednesday
- ★ Please ensure that your children come to school with a named school water bottle every day. They also need to have a coat and any other items you may wish to send to keep them warm in the colder weather. Everything sent into school must be labelled.
- ★ Grown-ups in Golden Time: Friday 12th January
- ★ DT Week: 7th-11th February
- ★ We would like to thank you for your continued support.

Miss Kearley, Mr Pohl and Ms