



Spring 2022 2nd Half Term - Year 1

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. As with every year, time is flying by and we are already half way through the year! We are eager to welcome the children back into the classrooms. This half term will be filled with more fun, we are busy preparing for DT week and are looking forward to our Space Day – booked in on the 1st of April where the children will have the chance to enjoy a whole day of space themed activities!

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 as well as recapping sounds that have previously learnt. We are working towards the children writing more in phonics lessons and will be encouraging them to begin to write sequences of sentences.
- ★ **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

★ Measurement

This term the children will be learning about measuring length, height, weight and capacity. We will focus a lot of the comparative language used in measurement such as heavier, lighter, more full, less full etc. The children will be doing lots of practical investigation and will be introduced to some standard units of measure such as grams, litres etc. We will encourage them to make predictions about the measurements they are taking and will then have a look at ordering and comparing different measurements.

★ Multiplication and Division

Later on in the term the children will begin to learn about multiplication and division. We will start by looking at doubling and halving and then move onto sharing and grouping. It will be important for the children to recognise that when multiplying or dividing the groups will need to be equal.

Topic Focus

Space

- ★ **History:** This term we will continue to learn about a range of historical events that have taken place in Space. The children are developing a timeline in their classrooms and are beginning to get a good understanding of how space travel has come about.
- ★ **Science:** In science this term, the children will continue to learn about animals including humans. We will cover life cycles and food chains this half term.
- ★ **Geography:** We will continue with our learning about the Earth, recapping the names of the continents and the oceans, as well as looking at seasonal changes in weather and why we experience seasons.
- ★ **PSHE:** This term the children will look at what makes people special and important to them. We will be looking at how people care for one another.

Team Parkland reminders for this half term

- ★ **PE days: Chestnut:** Monday and Thursday **Alder:** Monday and Thursday **Hazel:** Monday and Thursday
- ★ 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.
- ★ DT Week: 14th-18th March
- ★ Space Day: 1st April – please ensure that you have paid for this on school gateway. A letter will be coming out shortly.

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