



## Spring 2026 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 27th of February where the children will have the chance to enjoy a whole day of space themed activities!

### English

#### ★ Non-Fiction writing:

We will tie in what the children are learning about in History which will enable them to gain a deeper knowledge of the significant historical individuals and events. The children will need to ensure that their writing is factual, descriptive and well structured. We will be looking at some examples of different non-fiction texts to show the children what they should be working towards.

**Reading:** The children will continue to read regularly in school during phonics lessons and guided reading sessions. Please continue to read with your child 4 times a week at home. They are making such good progress as a result of reading regularly.

★ **Phonics:** This term the children will learn the 'r' controlled vowels – 'er, ir, ar, or, ur'.

★ **Spelling:** Please help your child to practise the words that are written in their blue books.

### Maths

#### ★ Multiplication and Division:

The children have started learning about multiplication and division and really got to grips with doubling and halving. This term we will continue to use arrays to support the children with working out multiplication and division questions. We will look closely at making equal groups and sharing equally as well.

#### ★ Measuring length and height

We will be learning about measuring with a focus on length and height. The children will use lots of language to compare such as, longer, shorter, taller, tallest, shortest.

#### ★ Shape:

Towards the end of this term the children will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will be encouraging the children to name shapes, explore their properties and recognise 2D and 3d shapes in the real world.

### Foundation Subject focus areas

#### ★ 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.

#### ★ Computing:

Bee bots

#### ★ RE:

Christianity and Lent

#### ★ PE:

Object control

#### ★ PSHE:

Caring and Responsibilities

#### ★ DT Week focus:

Structures

#### ★ Science:

Everyday Materials

#### ★ Music:

Vocal and body sounds

#### French:

In the classroom

**Foundation Subject *big* questions can be found on the school website.**

### Team Parkland reminders for this half term

★ **PE days: Chestnut:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays

**Alder:** Tuesdays and Wednesdays

★ Please ensure that your children come to school with a named school water bottle every day. They also need to have a coat in the colder weather. Everything sent into school must be labelled.

★ We will have a 'Space' themed Day on 27<sup>th</sup> February with the Science Dome coming to visit school – please ensure that you have paid for this on Arbor.

★ DT week will take place: 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please send any newspapers into school.

Miss Kearley and Mr Kitson

**Many thanks for your support**