

## Year 1 Newsletter - Issue 4

### **HOLIDAY 'SPACE' THEMED LEARNING CHALLENGE**

Well done to all the children who took part in the holiday learning challenge and thank you to all the parents who have supported their children with this activity. It's still not too late if your child wishes to participate. Just create something e.g. poster, model, picture, Booklet etc. with a space theme and bring it into school and we will endeavour to display it.

### **TOPIC**

This half-term our topic is called 'Fly me to the moon'. During this topic we will be learning about a variety of things.

**Space Dome** - the children had a fantastic time when the space dome came to school. They were full of awe and wonder and have been heard talking very enthusiastically to others about it afterwards. We looked at some of the planets and compared the size of them to each other. We discovered the sun was much larger than any of the planets! Hopefully your child has shared some of the interesting facts and stories they found out with you!

**As historians** - we will be finding out about significant historical people and events both internationally and linked to our local area. These will include: Neil Armstrong and the moon landing as well as local astronaut Tim Peake.

**As designers** - we will be designing, making and evaluating a rocket. We hope to have an end of term class rocket launch as part of this learning.

**As artists** - we will be looking at different space art and creating our own representations of some of them using a variety of media. We will share our art with each class as part of our end of topic celebration.

**In computing** - we will continue learning how to use the web-based resource 'Purplemash'. We will frequently recap our learning about keeping safe online. We will also learn how data can be entered, saved and retrieved.

**In RE** - our focus for this half-term will be 'Journeys'.

### **CHRISTMAS RESOURCE APPEAL**

This year Langstone are creating Christmas decorations with a 'recycled' theme. We would really appreciate donations of the following items in preparation for our decoration day before the end of November:

- Toilet rolls
- Pine cones
- Cereal boxes

### **PE & EARRINGS**

This is another appeal for **ALL** parents to please **remove earrings** before school starts on PE days! Earrings should only be **taped** if it is less than six weeks since they were pierced. We also recommend that you show your child how to remove their own earrings in case you forget. This request is not only for your child's safety but also for the safety of the other children they will be interacting with during PE lessons. PE lessons take place on the following days:

Class 4 – Mondays & Fridays  
Class 5 – Mondays & Thursdays  
Class 6 – Mondays & Wednesdays

### **PE KITS**

There are still a large number of children in year one who do not have the correct kit in their PE bags. Please can you ensure that kits contain **all** of the following named items:

- shorts
- Jogging / tracksuit bottoms
- T-shirt
- Warm jumper/ sweater or tracksuit top.
- Plimsolls/trainers (without laces!)

This is to ensure that children can participate in both indoor and outdoor lessons each week without getting too hot or too cold! We go outside in all weathers and with the weather getting colder warm trousers are a necessity. However, PE in the hall can be too warm with trousers on, therefore, children will need shorts for these lessons!

### **HATS, SCARVES & GLOVES**

With the colder weather more children are wearing these items to school. Please could you ensure all items are named so that lost items can be easily reunited with their owners. Many thanks.

### **SPELLINGS**

Well done to all the children who regularly practice their spellings at home. The effort made at home is clearly reflected in the children's spelling challenge scores and many of them are awarded super speller certificates. We hope to encourage a larger proportion of the year group to practise at home so more of the children can enjoy the success that home practice brings.

### **LACEY LIBRARY**

Year 1 will continue to visit the Lacey library on Tuesday afternoons in rotation. If you are available to help walk the children to the library, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child's class teacher know. The anticipated date of the next visit for each class is detailed below.

Class 6 – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Class 4 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Class 5 – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November