

## Literacy

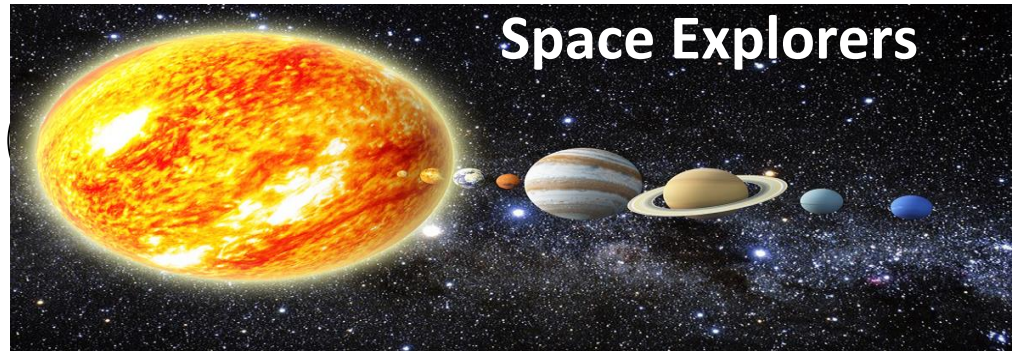
Focusing on the topic of space, children will start to plan and write their own adventure stories using examples taken from 'Star Wars'.

We will also be revising the skills they have learnt so far in order for them to incorporate these into their writing.

## Topic Space Explorers

Throughout this half term, we will be focusing on space exploration as our topic. We will learn about our solar system and beyond, the moon, space travel and will be discussing the reasons as to why we have day and night.

We will make historical links to the first moon landing and discuss the current role of astronauts.



## Maths

*Over the half term the children will learn:*

- To continue to work on methods to solve multiplication and division.
- To introduce telling time using analogue, digital and Roman Numerals.

## Science Light

Children will learn about different light sources and how they reflect from different surfaces. We will also briefly cover how shadows are formed and how they differ depending on the material.

Children will explore the importance of sun safety and will discuss ways in which they can protect themselves.

## Computing

We will be continuing to learn about computer programming. Children will learn about the specific language and important steps to becoming a computer programmer.

## PSHE Habits of mind

In reflection of the school's Habits of Mind policy, the children will explore the current habit

## RE Death Ceremonies

Exploring children's knowledge of the similarities and differences between death ceremonies of different religions. They will learn to listen and respond appropriately in peer discussions and reflect on their new learning.

## Art

The children will continue to develop their sketchbook skills focusing on colour mixing.

We will also introduce the work of Joan Miro to provide inspiration for space themed art.

## Music

Children will continue to learn how to play the ukulele with Portsmouth Music Service.

## Reading

Your child has access to two library books per week. Please encourage them to change their books regularly.

Please read with your child everyday and write a comment in their reading record.

**Year 3 Library day-Tuesday  
Reading Records due in every Friday**

## Things to remember...

- Times Tables Test-Monday
- Homework (times tables and spelling) out Monday and due back the following Friday.
- PE kits Monday AND Wednesday (though we do recommend they stay in school all week)
- Spellings test-Friday
- Library-Tuesday
- Reading Records - Friday

## Maths

As a school we have noticed that many children struggle to tell the time. Therefore we ask for your support to help teach your child to tell the time.

Every week your child should bring home a times table to learn ready for their test, please help them practise.

**Weekly Times Tables Test-Monday**

## Spellings

Every week your child will have a spelling lesson. The spellings they are given for their homework will be given out on Monday and will need to be in the following Friday.

**Weekly Spelling Test-Friday**

## Space Project

This half term we would like for you to create a project about space. This could be to research the solar system, create a fact-file on a planet or create a presentation about the solar system or planet.

There will be prizes for the best projects. This will be due in on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February for children to present their project to the class.