

This term starts with the whole school topic...

To Infinity and Beyond

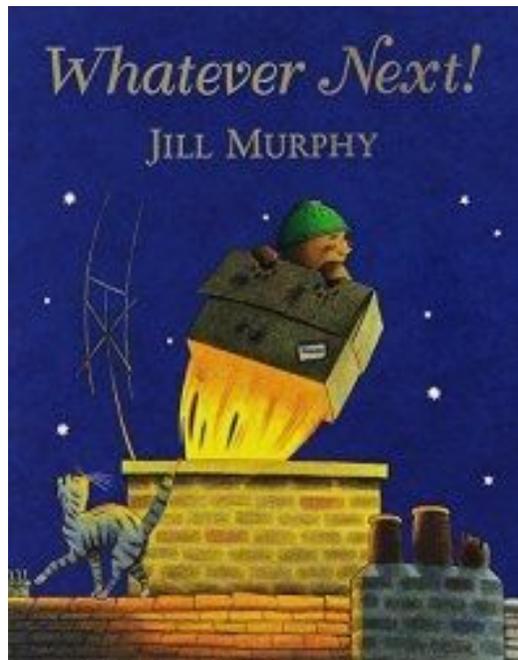


Our whole school topic this term is Space and Robots. Dolphin class are going to start by imagining our own journey through space and what we might see. We will then immerse ourselves into the life of an astronaut through the video diaries of Chris Hadfield and Tim Peak. We're going to continue our focus on story square which will be more and more inspired by ideas of space travel, aliens and other planets. In our Maths we will be learning about capacities and how to measure different materials through planning what supplies (and their quantities) we will need on our space voyage.

Towards the end of term we're shifting our focus towards weather watching. As a whole school we will be launching a balloon into space. In year 1 we're going to be tracking the wind speed to make sure that our balloon is okay to launch. This will be an incredible experience for the children and it will permeate throughout our learning, giving us amazing data to work with in maths, the chance to build our own anemometers to track the wind speed and an abundance of video footage to inspire our writing.

Literacy

To start the term we will be learning the book 'Whatever Next', we have a huge range of activities including: interviewing baby bear, creating story maps and acting out our favourite scenes. This level of immersion in the story will help the children to adapt and change it when they write their own version. Following this we were going to look at real life super learners such as Chris Hadfield and Neil Armstrong.





Maths

This term we are focusing our Maths lessons around simple Maths facts, such as number bonds of 10, counting forwards and backwards from a number and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. By doing this the class will have a really strong foundation for when we move onto addition, subtraction and place value. In our Maths lessons the class will also be encouraged to use any resources to support their learning, and we aim to move from using physical materials towards recording numbers and symbols in our books.





Science

This year we will be looking at a number of scientific topics and within each of these look at scientific enquiry and thinking like a scientist.

The children will be following challenges of making the best building for an emergency and finding the best car for an emergency. The class are then going to plan their own tests to tests and decide what characteristics we need.

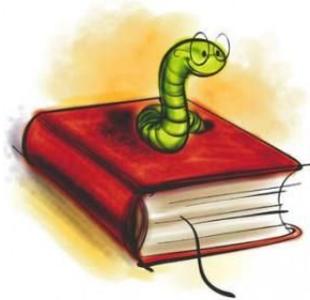
P.E.

The children will be taking part in a range of PE activities this term, starting with Dodgeball and Indoor Athletics on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school, including: well-fitting trainers, black shorts, black or navy tracksuit trousers, a spare white T-shirt and a clean pair of

socks. A plastic bag kept inside the PE bag is always useful too, for muddy trainers to be stored in! Extra carrier bags and rucksacks are not allowed in class due to a lack of space in the cloakroom.

Home Learning

This year we're going to focus on children's maths facts such as: counting forwards and backwards from a number, counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, and identifying number bonds. To support this the children will get a Maths pack at the start of the term with ideas for activities and some great resources.



As you know, children are expected to read at least 5 times a week, and to have this recorded daily in home school contact diaries. I will check diaries throughout the week to ensure that reading books are regularly changed and will also do a 'book raffle' every week. Your child's name will be entered into the raffle to win a book provided they have 5 or more reads recorded by Friday morning.

Staff in Year 1

We are very lucky to have Michelle Gammon and Sally Anne Lee as the class's teaching assistants this year, they will both be running Talk Boost, Phonics and FFT reading interventions to support the children's communication and language skills. Clare Russel will also be taking the class for Art and Music on a Wednesday afternoon. For the first half of the term we will also have a new student teacher, Harmony Constant, in class and Rachael Moore will return from her placement in Berrynarbor in the second half of term.

General Information

Please ensure that your child is in school ready to start learning, between 8.40 and 8.50, and that full school uniform is being worn (particularly black shoes).

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about our work this term, please do come and see us or contact us through the home school diary.

Thanks, Mr Abell