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Moon Zoom

Year 1 - Autumn Term A



Our first term in Year 1 will be out of this world. In our topic Moon Zoom! our exciting adventure will begin igniting the children's interests by discovering a Space craft Crash Landing in the GEMS Metropole's Forest School. The children will find clues and predict who has crashed their space craft, where they came from and why they are here. With the support of engaging key texts such as 'How to Catch a Star' and 'Beegu' the children will learn a range of key language to enrich their learning. An educational trip to the Sharjah Planetarium will give the children an insight into the world above them and spark the question 'Is there anybody else out there?'. Throughout the topic children will be thinking about ways we could travel into space and as a celebration of learning, we will invite parents to design and build a rocket that could fly into space!

Mathematics

During Autumn Term A, Year 1 will start by counting objects, representing amounts, and using number tracks to add one number more and less. They will be using concrete objects to compare groups and using Mathematical language to discuss their findings. We will look at ordering numbers and groups of objects. We will introduce a number line and look at how we add and take away different amounts. During this term the children will become confident at using their numbers to 20.

Phonics

This half term, we will start by assessing the children's phonics levels to see which sounds they are confident with and which ones they need to learn. As a class, the children will be focusing on their Set 2 sounds to ensure they are confident at applying them in their reading and writing.

ay ee igh ow oo oo ar or air ir ou oy

English

In English this half term, we will be learning about recounts and fiction texts.

At the start of the term we will have an experience of a crash landing in school. We will go out and find what happened in school and then reflect on our day and draw a story map. We will learn the recount through T4W. We will learn about what a recount is and look in at different types of recounts. We will look closely at the language used and add describing language to include more detail in our writing. We will be focusing on the phonics sounds in words and making sure we understand finger spaces; the spaces between words.

Topic

Have aliens ever visited Earth?

In this topic, children will be exploring the world 'above' them. They will be introduced to Space through an Alien crash landing. They will inquire into the lives of Astronauts and think about what life would be like on the moon. Using their creative skills, the children will design and create rockets using a variety of materials to get Beegu/Astronauts to the moon.



Dates for your diary

30th Aug - First day of the academic year

7th Sep - Curriculum evening

19th Sep - Shared learning morning

23rd Sep - Parent workshop

5th/6th Oct - Parental engagement evenings

10th Oct - Take one book week

10th Oct - World mental health day

Art

In art this half term, the children will be focusing on self-portraits. They will be learning the skill of sketching using different pencil strokes. At the end of the half term the children will be introduced to water colours. They will use these to add colour to their self-portraits.

Music

In music, the children will be learning the song 'Hey You'. First, they will learn the words before finding the beat and adding percussion using a range of instruments.

PE

Our PE focus changes every half term, please ask your class teacher what your child will be learning in PE this half term.

Arabic

This half term, the Arabic topic will be 'Who am I?'

The children will learn about:

Greetings, Colors Letters ا/أ/آ, Feelings /Letter داخ , My Class/ Letter ت

They will also learn about:

- 1- Demonstrative Pronouns/ pronoun / question tools/letters with short vowels.
- 2- Possessive pronoun/ adjectives.
- 3- Letters with short and long vowels.
- 4- Numbers, feminine and masculine, and colours

Science

What are my body parts used for?

In Science, children will begin to learn about the human body and materials through the exploration of Space. Children will learn about different body parts, their 5 senses and how we use them through a variety of experiments. The concept of materials will cross over with the sense of touch and how things feel. Finally, we will think about what a good material would be to make a rocket out of.