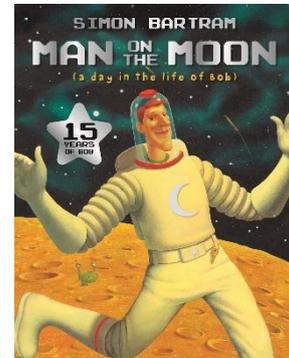


March 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half term. This week, the children have been introduced to our new topic of 'Space', which they are very excited about, so we are looking forward to a fun term with lots of exciting space activities.

The space topic is based on the book 'Man on the Moon (a day in the life of Bob)' by Simon Bartram. Like our previous topics, the children will be learning the story off by heart and completing literacy based activities around the book. We are going to be learning about earth, the sun, the moon, the different planets, the seasons and how astronauts keep healthy. We are going to end our topic with an 'Alien Party'. There will be lots of art and design opportunities and we have our Space Rocket and Control Centre role play.



Phonics and maths will continue daily. In phonics, Reception will be consolidating phases 2 and 3, before moving on to phase 4. We will be focusing on reading and writing sentences as well. Nursery will continue to practise their listening skills as well as orally segmenting and blending words. Some nursery children will practise these skills alongside phase 2 sounds. In maths, we will look at 2D and 3D shape and time and position. We will then consolidate numbers to 20 before moving on to addition and subtraction. Nursery will be learning to recognise shapes and will continue to practise their counting and number recognition.

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. We will also be taking part in Science Week. During this week, the children will be conducting lots of scientific experiments.

P.E. will still be on a Tuesday afternoon for both Reception and Nursery children. We will now be going outside for P.E. as we are focussing on multi skills such as throwing and catching. Please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school on a Tuesday, including plimsolls.

Reading books will still be changed on a Monday and Thursday. Please write in the reading record every time your child has read. We were very impressed with the number of children who completed the reading challenge last term, so it will continue again. Children who read 4 times a week, will be given a star. At the end of term, there will be a prize for children with 5 or more tokens. Nursery will continue to have a quality picture book to share with you.

Reception homework will continue to be given on a Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. Nursery children will continue to have optional homework which will be given on a day your child is in school.

Show and tell will now be on a Monday for children in the Red and Blue house and on a Friday for children in the Green and Yellow house. Nursery can bring in a show and tell item on one of the days that they are in school.

Please continue to fill in proud clouds as the children are very pleased when they are read out. We will send some home in book bags this week and put extras on the noticeboard.



Muddles the Bear will continue to go on an adventure every Friday to be returned by the Wednesday. Please take photos of Muddles over the weekend and stick them in the book with some words of what he did. You can always email photos to me and I will print them out for you. If you prefer, your child can draw pictures of their adventure instead.

As the weather is improving, we will be going outside much more. Please ensure that your child has a change of clothes in school in case they get muddy. They much prefer to change into their own clothes than school clothes.

If you have any questions, please ask any one of us in the morning or after school. If you do not have the opportunity to speak to one of us, please feel free to ring up during the day or email me. My email address is a.isherwood@denton.northants.sch.uk.

Many thanks

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