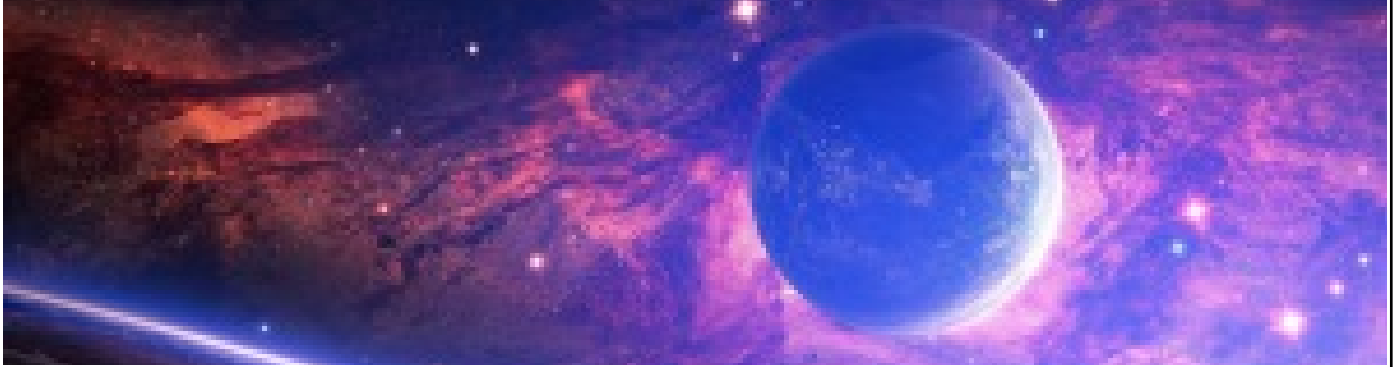


Year 2 Curriculum Letter

Spring 2024

First Half-Term, Week 5

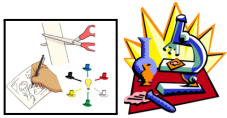
'Moon Zoom'



Week 5 **Express**

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DT & Science



As part of the **Express** stage the children will follow their designs to make their space vehicles. They will evaluate them against the design criteria, using the Thinking Hats to help them organise their ideas. The children will share their learning with their friends in Year 2. They will discuss what they have enjoyed most about their learning this half term. They will write a summary of the learning that has taken place this half term, which will form part of their end of year report.

English



The children will continue their learning using the story 'Margaret and the Moon'. They retell the story as the final outcome for this unit. They will write different types of sentences using topic words from the word wall and events in the story. They will then use their story map and their different types of sentences to retell the story. They will use their editing skills to improve what they have written. Daily phonic sessions will continue to develop reading and spelling skills, reviewing alternative graphemes for phonemes they know.

Maths



Mental Maths – The children will practise reading numbers of different values. They will recall the value of the different digits in a number, this will help them to read numbers with a greater value.

Fractions – The children will review their understanding of fractions of shapes and amounts. They will continue to explore the relationships between equivalent fractions such as showing that 2 quarters is the same as one half. They will use this knowledge to solve problems involving fractions.

Physical Education




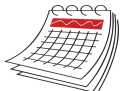


The children will be using the large apparatus to practise careful movement from one piece of apparatus to the next. They will consider how to balance on each apparatus and how to descend once they have completed their movements. The children will continue to develop their gross motor skills by completing a range of control and agility challenges with equipment outside. They will also develop their stamina by challenging themselves to run for extended periods of time.

Earth Awareness



For the last week of this half term the children will be taking part in the Whole School bird watch. The children will observe the wild birds closely and they will then record their observations using words and pictures. We will also learn to listen out for and identify different birds' songs. The children will also review their learning on life cycles and look for examples of different stages of life cycles in the school grounds.

Religious Education 	The children will learn about the role of the Rabbi in the Jewish community. They will learn about his/her importance to Jewish people and how he/she leads and supports worship within the Jewish community.		
RHE (Relationship & Health Education) 	The children will review the skills they need to be an effective learner. Through discussion they will identify how the things they do every day contribute to them achieving the Seven Gifts of Beddington Infants’ School. The children will evaluate how they work well in a group and how this contributes to a positive learning outcome.		
Music 	The children will continue to appreciate The Planet Suite by Holst and consider the similarities and differences between each piece of music.		
Dates for the term 	Monday, 5th February	9.00am – 11.30am	Making Space Vehicles
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	Volunteers will be welcomed to either the morning or the afternoon session. We will be using a range of resources to build the Space Vehicles in the morning and using the afternoon session to add decoration and finishing touches, such as paint to the vehicles.		
	Tuesday, 6th February	3.20pm – 3.40pm	Moon Zoom sharing session
	Wednesday, 7th February	3.20pm – 3.40pm	Moon Zoom sharing session
Any family member or friend can come to share learning with your child. Please come to whichever session is most suitable for you. There is no need to sign up, just come along!			
Thursday, 8th February - Open Evening – booking will be available online the week before to sign up for an appointment time. An email will be sent with the booking link on Thursday, 1st February .			
Friday 9th February - Last day of the half term.			
Monday, 12th February - Friday, 16th February - Half term.			
Monday, 19th February - Children return to school.			

Coming Soon...



Muck, Mess and Mixtures



As part of the **Engage** stage of our new topic, Muck, Mess and Mixtures we will be exploring a range of messy materials during the first week back after half term, Week beginning 19th February 2024.

This will enable the children to explore the texture and feel of many varied materials such as:

- jelly
- shaving foam
- powder paint
- oats
- soap
- bubble bath
- baby oil
- food colouring
- rice
- washing powder
- vinegar
- salt
- flour

Whilst exploring how these substances feel, the children will use adjectives to describe the substance. Following this experience they will create a question and plan an investigation to find the answer to the question. For example, what happens if you add a salty solution to each substance?

If your child is allergic to any of these substances and therefore should not participate in all or part of this experience, please speak to your child's class teacher or put a note in your child's blue book.



Year Two Team