

# Class 2

*The Bliss Charity School*



## Term 3



Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you all had a fantastic time over the festive break and the children are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. This class newsletter contains lots of information about Term 3 in Class 2.

*Mrs. Newton*



## Term 3 Topic: *Space*



As many lessons as possible this term will be based around our exciting new topic of 'Space'.

Class 2 began the new topic by taking part in a space 'Wow' day. The children learnt about the positions of the planets, their relative sizes and their individual courses around the sun. They also used a range of different techniques to create the planets that are now up on display.

As part of the topic, the children will also focus on space transportation and learn about the development of space travel and the changes in spaceships over the years. They will also be given the opportunity to design and create their own space rocket! All of the children will be launching their rockets into the sky so please watch out on Twitter for some amazing action shots!

The class we will also be learning about significant space launches, recent developments in space exploration and studying the achievements of Neil Armstrong.

In literacy, we will be researching and creating information texts based on the planets in our solar system.

Over the next week, the learning will be based around the 'Man on the Moon' series of books. The children will experience video messages from the characters in the book as a basis for writing letters to astronauts, alien character descriptions and adventurous alien stories. The outdoor classroom will be regularly used during these sessions so please make sure that your child has adequate footwear.

Towards the end of Term 3, the children will have the opportunity to experience space when the planetarium visits Bliss on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## Other subjects ...

In our numeracy lessons, the children will be strengthening their number bond knowledge. They will also begin to add over the tens boundary and use the borrowing method when subtracting. As well as learning how to use arrays to support multiplication, the children will also practise dividing both numbers and shapes.

During science this term, the children will continue to learn about the human lifecycle and ways to stay fit and healthy.

In our RE lessons, the children will begin to learn about the Torah

In PE, the children will develop their co-ordination skills using bats and balls.

Hopefully, we will be having PE lessons outside, so please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit in school.

## Helping your child at home ...

All of the children have been working extremely hard with reading so far this academic year and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and dedication towards reading at home.

I have recently reassessed all of the children and I am delighted with the progress that every child has made. If you feel that you need any help supporting your child's reading, please come and see me or send a letter in with your child.

In addition to spellings, Snappy Maths and My Maths, we will also be providing the children with optional handwriting homework. These sheets will be given out on a Monday and up to three house points will be awarded for each returned sheet.

## Class 2 information ...

As always, if you wish to become a parent helper then please come and see me. We are always grateful for any parent or carer who is willing to volunteer some of their time to listen to the children read or provide support in numeracy.

If you have any questions about your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me. This can be done by either coming in to see me or by sending a note with your child.

Kind regards,

*Mrs. Newton*