

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. Anderson and Mrs. Eales



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 space 'Wow' days. The children learnt about our solar system and the eight planets. The children then researched each of the eight planets and made 'fact sheets'. They created large models of the planets that are now up on display. The children also experienced a virtual planetarium where they learnt more about our solar system, our planets and their moons, stars, outer space. This was a fantastic immersive learning environment with the children being able to virtually hop around the planets and moons in the solar system and see space from different view point.

We also have a topic morning planned for next Friday in the outdoor classroom (weather permitting). A local astronomer will be joining us and we will talk more about the size of the planets resulting in a scaled model. We will also look at the relative distance of the planets from the sun, look at how gravity affects weight and look at how the planets orbit the Sun.

As part of the topic, the children will explore space transportation and learn about the development of space travel over the years. The children will learn about significant space launches, recent developments in space exploration and study the achievements of both Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. They will then be given the opportunity to design and create their own space rockets! All of the children will be launching their rockets into the sky so please watch out on Twitter for some amazing action shots!

In literacy, we will be researching and creating information texts based on the planets in our solar system. We will then adapt our texts to create a leaflet on the computers, which will be shared with another class before being sent home to be shared with friends and family.

Over the next few weeks, the learning will be based around the 'Man on the Moon' series of books. The children will receive messages from the characters in the book as a basis for writing letters to astronauts, alien character descriptions and adventurous alien stories.

Other subjects ...

In our numeracy lessons, the children will be strengthening their understanding of number and will continue practising adding over the tens boundary and using 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 be looking at the basic needs of animals and ways to stay fit and healthy. They will also be setting up their own investigations to find out how the human body changes as it grows.

In our RE lessons, the children will begin to learn about the Qur'an and Islamic festivals. They will have the opportunity to discuss the similarities and differences between the various religions that they have studied so far.

In PE, the children will be focusing on performing both static and dynamic balances. PE lessons are inside and 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 this academic year. I have recently reassessed all of the children and I am delighted with the progress that they have made.

There will be a big focus on reading moving forward; we will be working on developing reading comprehension skills. If you feel that you need any help supporting your child's reading at home, then please email me.

Reading records will continue to be marked on a Monday morning by Mrs. Eales. Please continue to support with spellings, times tables and My Maths homework. These will continue to be set every Friday.

Class 2 information ...

Please note that there will be lots of opportunities for outdoor learning this term, so please make sure that your child has suitable footwear in school.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's education, please contact me via email and I will respond as soon as possible. Please note that I do not pick up emails during school hours. If it is urgent or a message about illness or medicines, please contact the office.