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**Homework**

We will continue to set a homework task each week. This will usually be linked to Grammar and Maths and will give children the opportunity to consolidate and extend the learning done in class. It will be sent home on Fridays and will be expected to be returned by the following Tuesday. In addition, children will be set spellings to learn every Monday and children will need to learn these by the following Monday when they will have a test.

It is, of course, important that children continue to read regularly at home and on a daily basis if possible either independently or with an adult.

**Welcome back!**

We have many exciting opportunities lined up for the children in Kites this coming term!

Our theme in terms 3 and 4 is ‘Stargazers’ and here we provide an overview of what we have planned for the children, so please do take a closer look!

**PE**

The children will continue to have PE twice a week on Monday and on Wednesdays the children will alternate in their groups to do either PE with Mr Smith or Forest School. Each morning the children will also run the ‘magnificent mile’. It is important, therefore, that they have a full PE kit in school at all times and of course must be prepared on their Forest School week with clothing that is suitable for wet weather conditions including wellington boots.

 Curriculum Notes

Spring Terms 3 & 4

2020

Stargazers

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Respect

Kindness

Perseverance

**Geography**

**Design & Technology**

**In DT the children will design and create models with electric circuits.**

**History**

**In history we will compare childhood experiences of the present day to that of the 1960s child in Britain. The children will look at key figures and events of the time as well as art and culture and domestic conditions.**

Geography

In geography our focus will be on the ‘space race’ countries. We will compare different geographical aspects of Russia and the United States.

Art

In art the children will explore collage. We will create space inspired collages and look at the work of artist Peter Blake, the creator of The Beatles’ famous ‘Sergeant Pepper’ album cover.

**PE**

**This term the children have a session of tag rugby and another of hockey each week.**

**On alternate weeks the children will attend Forest School.**

**Maths**

**Over the Spring term children will focus on several areas of maths including number and written calculations, shape and space, measures and problem solving. The children will also practise mental maths in our ‘early morning maths’ sessions and a daily times tables session.**

Music

This term our focus will be composition. Children will trace well-known soundtracks and will create their own.

**Science**

**Our focus in term 1 will be earth and space; we will look at the earth’s movement and the solar system. In term 4 we will explore electricity and complete simple electric circuits.**

**English**

**This term our focus will involve a variety of genre including poetry, fiction and non-fiction.**

**The children will write non-chronological reports, science fiction, newspaper reports and narrative poems.**

French

Children will this term

explore aspects of ‘time’. They will learn how to tell the time in French and explore the concept further through reading timetables.

RE

This term in RE Kites our focus is ‘People of God’. Children will explore the link between the story of Noah and how we too might live our lives in a thoughtful way. We will explore questions related to these topics through a variety of approaches such as art, drama and discussion.

PSHE

This term our focus is to ‘Be yourself’. The unit aims to encourage children to recognize and celebrate their individuality.

**Computing**

 **This term children will use software such IPads and Apps ‘GarageBand’ to explore digital music.**

Areas of Exploration