



Stargazers

Welcome to the curriculum notes for Skylarks. Here you will find an overview of work that Skylarks will be working on throughout terms 3 & 4. Please make sure your child has warm PE kits for the colder weather as we will be outside for PE.

How we teach reading

During the next two terms we are continuing to develop our provision of reading including looking at developing our vocabulary strand more which will include latin and greek focus words. We will be doing guided reading four days a week and will focus on improving fluency and comprehension skills.

What does my child take home from school in regards to reading?

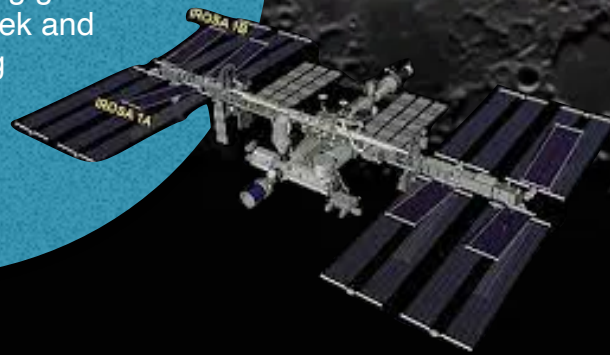
Children are able to choose from a range of books in class. In Skylarks pupils have a yellow book review to record daily reading. We will be visiting the school library too.

Roots to grow, wings to fly

HOMEWORK

We will be re-introducing a bit of homework again this term, it will be given out on Fridays and due in the following Thursday.

We will also ask the children to continue practicing their spellings and times tables (using TTRockstars) and encouraging reading for pleasure at home as much as possible!



Areas of Exploration

Science

This term we will be exploring Earth and Space. In term 4 children will have the opportunity to find out more about how components effect the flow of electricity.

French

This term we will be learning new vocabulary to name french transport. In term 4 we will be looking at portraits and describing them.

History

We will be exploring the 1960s in history. We will be looking at social, leisure and entertainment and asking why this decade was so memorable. In addition to the 1960s, we will be looking more closely at the history surrounding The Space Race and the cold war.

DT

In DT we will be using micro-bits to design a mindful moments timer. In term 2 we will be making an electrical poster to display in a museum.

Computing

This Spring we will be using data loggers to record information in the world around us. We will be carrying out an investigation.

English

We begin the term by reading the story *Toys in Space*. We will create newspaper articles based on this text. Following this, we will focus on the poem *The Coming of the Iron Man*. We will be learning all about similes, metaphors and figurative language.



In Guided Reading this term, we will be working on improving our fluency and comprehension with a variety of tasks linked to the book *The Iron Man*.

We have started reading buddies across the school. Every other Friday. Skylarks will be reading with children in Goldfinches.

Term 4 has some exciting English events including World book day (7th March) and Shakespeare week. We will be participating in some whole school events this week.



P.E

In PE we will be outside for hockey and netball, and inside for gymnastics and dance.

Maths

After Christmas we will be continuing our work with multiplication and division. We will be using both mental and formal methods of recording. Following this, we will be looking at length and perimeter, fractions and capacity. The Year 4s will also be exploring decimals in more detail.

PSHE

Economic well-being will be our unit for the first term, followed by Citizenship.

Religious Education

In term 1 we will be thinking about People of God. We will be acting out and talking about the story of Noah's Ark. In term 2 we will be thinking about the Easter story and finding out why Christians called the day Jesus died 'Good Friday'.

Music

We will be learning how to play recorders; we will take part in a class performance.

Art

We will be looking at the art of display in the first term; we will be using clay. In term 2 we will be studying still life. This will enable us to practise our drawing and painting skills.

