

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 the next five weeks in Class 2.

Mrs. Newton



Term 3 Topic: *Space*



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

Class 2 began the new topic by taking part in a transport workshop which looked at space travel as well as other forms of transportation. The children spent part of the day outside learning about the position of the planets, their relative sizes and their individual courses around the sun.

The children will use a range of different techniques to create the planets and these will be displayed in the classroom. Later on in the term, we will also be lucky enough to experience space when the planetarium visits the school on 29th January 2018.

The children will 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 rockets! All of the children will be launching their rockets into the sky so please watch out on *Twitter* for some amazing action shots!

At the end of the topic, we will be learning about significant space launches 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 literacy work will be based around the *Man on the Moon* series of books. The children will receive video messages from the characters in the story as a basis for writing letters to astronauts, alien character descriptions and adventurous alien stories.

Other subjects ...

During science this term the children will be focusing on planet Earth:

- They will learn about the weather and light associated with each season.
- The children will also investigate the impact that we have upon the world and the issue of global warming.

In our R.E. lessons this term the children will begin to learn about the Torah

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

Hopefully - if the weather improves - we will be taking our PE lessons outside, so please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit at 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.

Please note that I am happy for the children to complete their own reading record as long as they are reading to an adult or an older child.

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 contact me.

In addition to spellings, 'Snappy Maths' and *My Maths*, we will also be awarding certificates for learning to tell the time to the nearest 15 minutes and the nearest 5 minutes. These certificates will be awarded in assembly.

All children will continue to be tested on a Monday for spellings and on a Wednesday for 'Snappy Maths'. Results of both will continue to be sent home on a Wednesday. If your child loses their result slip then please come and see us as we keep a record of all of the children's scores.

Class 2 information ...

Class 2 will be learning outside as much as possible, so it is very important that your child has warm clothing and suitable footwear with them every day.

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