

Courtney Primary Topic Sheet – Out of this World!

Year 2 Term 3 2017-18 Teacher: Miss Elmore

English

In English we are working on a great book called “Man on the Moon” which follows the life of an astronaut called Bob. We will use this as inspiration for both narrative and non-fiction units of work.

We will be using subordinating conjunctions (when if that because) to add extra information to our sentences.

In Phonics we are focusing on applying our knowledge of how a sound can be written down in different ways.

We will also be extending of suffixes, common exception words and rules for plurals.

Maths

In mathematics our work will focus on division, statistics and geometry: properties of shapes.

The children made a great start to multiplication last term, which we will be building on as we look at division. We will do this both by sharing out equally and by putting in to equal groups.

We will learn how to identify, describe and group both two dimensional and three dimensional shapes

Finally, we will be working at greater depth on how to apply our understanding to solve word problems.

Science

This term our Science topic is ‘Health and Humans’.

We will begin by looking at how animals and humans have offspring which grow into adults – what came first, the chicken or the egg?!

The children will then look to identify what they need to survive and what else they might need to be comfortable and happy.

Our overall aim is to understand the benefits of physical activity, rest, healthy eating and dental health.

Art/DT

In DT we will be doing a cookery unit with cross curricular links to our Science work. We will be learning all about where food comes from, and designing and making our own healthy meals.

The children will experiment with a wide variety of media in order to create some intergalactic art work!

Topic

Our topic this term is ‘Out of this world’ and we will be exploring it with learning across the curriculum. We are really excited as it is a topic that is new to KS1, giving us lots of opportunities to explore our solar system and the life of an astronaut!

History

Our history lessons will focus on the lives of significant individuals related to our topic; namely Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong.

We will be learning about what they are famous for and the impact that their actions had on life as we know it today.

Computing

In computing this term we will be focusing on data handling. This year’s Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 6th February with the theme: “Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you.”

RE

In RE we will be learning about how we can learn from sacred objects.

This will deepen and extend our understanding of Christianity.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be making links to our Science and Topic work about what constitutes a healthy lifestyle and how to take care of ourselves. We will also work on developing strategies to manage our feelings and how to reach our goals.

Our Courtney Crown Value this term is “We set ourselves ambitious targets and dare to have big dreams.” Our crown value animal is the cat.

PE

As a school we follow the “Real PE” scheme of work which focuses on building up core skills and applying them in games. On Thursdays the children will have a PE session with Mr Smith, our sports coach. On Tuesdays we are lucky to have some specialist dance teachers in to lead a unit of dance.

If your child has long hair please make sure it is tied up on these days, and that they can take out their earrings. All children should have suitable PE kit kept at school.

Dear Parents,

A very Happy New Year to you all! I am excited to see what this new term will bring for Ash class and look forward to sharing their successes with you. After a festive break filled with indulging our science topic “Healthy Me” couldn’t have come at a better time – I will certainly be trying to whip myself back into shape alongside the children!

As mentioned previously, to support your child please encourage them to:

- read every day and remember to bring their reading book and reading diary to school every day – we’ve had our first 100 certificate so it would be FAB to get everybody moving up the reading ladder 😊
- learn their multiplication tables as part of our Multiplication Masters programme – we had some great successes with this in term 2 and the children are really excited and involved with the programme.
- take opportunities to try out their maths and English as much as possible – using money, writing letters etc
- do their homework and hand it in on time! Homework will be given every Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday.

Lastly, it would help the children enormously if there are any parents or grandparents who are able to lend a hand in class or listen to readers. If you could spare even 30 minutes at the start or end of the school day, or any other time, then please do get in touch.

Best wishes,

Miss Elmore