

Guided Reading

The children will be reading a range of space themed texts. We begin with a narrative called The Man on the Moon. This will then be followed by poetry and a range of non fiction texts.

English

In English, the children will be focusing on different writing genres. Firstly, the children will recount the moon landing followed by instructional writing of the construction process of their rocket. We will then concentrate on a narrative which will build on children's prior knowledge of The Man on the Moon. The term will conclude with poetry.

Throughout the term, we will continue to embed the children's basic skills revising spelling, punctuation and grammar.

P.E.

By the end of this term, we will demonstrate rhythm and control by performing two or more dance moves to the 'Star Wars' soundtrack.

Design and Technology

As designers, our main project will be to research, design, make and evaluate our very own rockets. From our scientific research, we will determine the most effective materials to use in the construction of our rockets.

History

We will research, discover and create a timeline of the key events surrounding the moon landing. We will also look at astronauts and famous space missions including Tim Peake's voyage to the Space Station.

Geography

The children will be embarking on their own journey into space where they will view the Earth from an aerial perspective and identify the location of the United Kingdom.

Theme

Throughout the Autumn term, the children in Year 2 will be blasting off on a journey through space. Their journey will include exploring the moon landing, recognising the planets and their features and meeting a range of famous astronauts. The children will be immersed in space events of historical importance and will explore what the life of an astronaut was really like.

Maths

We will be focussing on our number work and place value including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as expanding their understanding and use of money. We will continue to work on our basic counting and number skills, with a big focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will use mathematical skills to solve problems, undertake investigations and develop reasoning within our answers. Linking to our theme, the children will apply their measuring skills to determine how far their rocket launched.

Science

In Science, we will be investigating the most suitable materials for space missions. We will conduct our own experiments to compare a variety of everyday materials and will use our results to create the perfect model rocket. Our science investigation will conclude with the launching of the children's rockets.

PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be following the Jigsaw scheme starting with "Me and My World."

Music

As musicians, we will look at the music from 'Star Wars'. We will explore the effect the music has and the mood these create throughout the film. We will also be able to identify the instruments used within the pieces and accompany the tune.

Computing

We will conduct our own research to learn and discover more about our universe. The children will be continuing to keep themselves safe online through our ESafety unit. They will then learn how to code a programme using Purple Mash.

R.E.

We will start by focusing on rules and responsibilities with our school and the local community progressing into the ten commandments. This will lead the children into discussing right and wrong. We will compare a variety of creation stories from different faiths concluding with the Christmas story at the end of the Autumn Term.

Year 2 Term 1:

"To Infinity and Beyond"



WOW EVENTS

- Our term will blast off with a visit from 'Cosmic Carol' who inspires children to look up and learn about the wonders of the night sky.
- Then, all children will be initiated into Bricknell's Space Camp. Watch this space for further information!
- To embark on an Enterprise scheme, the children will complete a sponsored walk around the school site to raise money for a local charity. Also, the children will be organising our yearly Harvest Festival which will include delivery of the donated food to a local food bank.
- Parents will be invited to a space themed Art Day. Watch this space for further information!
- To celebrate the children's achievements, we will host a Showcase presenting the children's wonderful work throughout the term.
- We will conclude our Autumn Term with a Christmas production.

All dates for our WOW EVENTS will follow shortly.