

## **St Mary's C of E Primary School Curriculum Newsletter**

Class – Normanby

Term – Autumn 1, 2023

Welcome to our class newsletter for the first Autumn term. I'm excited to share our topic the term, which is SPACE! I hope you find the following information useful to understand the areas which we will be covering and how some of that links into our topic.

### **English**

In English we will be re-engaging the class in reading by following the interstellar shenanigans in *Cosmic*. This comes from the great Frank Cottrell-Boyce, which tells the side-splitting story of long-legged Liam and his quest to be the first child in space. Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old to ever ride the G-force-defying Cosmic rollercoaster - or to be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up. We will be drawing out creative writing opportunities of their own space adventures!

### **Science**

Galileo Galilei needs our help at The Roman Inquisition: he needs to prove that the Earth moves round the sun; that the moon moves around the Earth; and that the seasons and day & night are all a consequence of these movements. He needs you to provide experimental evidence, not just current astrological thinking... and he is running out of time!

### **History**

In History, we will be digging into *the space race*. We will be learning about who was involved and why and how this was just the next chapter our endless fascination with great beyond. We will be exploring some questions such as who was involved? What was the cold war and when did it occur? What are the basic political models of capitalism and communism?

### **Mathematics**

In Maths, we will be starting out by exploring place value before moving onto the four key operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). For our Year 5's, they will be getting to grips with a different approach to accessing their learning, which puts them at the centre of personal challenge and growth. Pupils will be encouraged to access work (supplied by staff on googleclassrooms) to challenge themselves to harder work when they find thing easy. Please come to the meet the teacher to find out more.

### **Foundation Learning**

In Art, we will be creating abstract collages with relief, inspired by distant planet surfaces. In PSHE, we will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work. This term the focus is 'being me in my world'. In computing, basic coding will be the focus as we play around with simple programming. In Music, Gustav Holst will be inspiring us to create our own basic compositions. In MFL, pupils will learn how to describe themselves and their appearance. In R.E, we will be asking the question 'What does it mean if God is loving and holy?'

### **Physical Education**

Rugby and Football will be taught in the Autumn term, alongside swimming. More information on swimming will be coming in the next few weeks. There is a host of football and rugby opportunities to participate in extra-curricular fixtures this term, so I thank you in advance for your support with travel arrangements!

### **Trips and Visitors**

We will be taking local trips this half term, down to the beach to think about our science topic in more concrete terms, as well as going to St Mary's Church as part of our RE curriculum. I am currently planning in a trip to the planetarium, so please stay tuned for more information on this. We also have Chloe Peplow, GB female footballer coming in to inspire us! Any fundraising your children can do to go towards this is greatly appreciated.

### **Home learning**

It is our expectation that you shall continue reading for 20 minutes four times a week (minimum) and that you will record this in your reading record book. We shall be continuing with a class reader of the week, the winner of which could be for someone who has made good progress, someone who has tried really hard with their reading that week. English and maths homework will come home on alternate weeks also.

Many thanks,

Mr Day and Mrs Sankey