

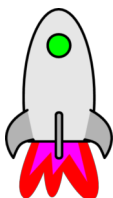


# Autumn Term Overview 2017

## Puffins, Owls and Kingfishers



Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready for some new and exciting learning this term which is around the topic of space.



### Being organised

#### Uniforms

First can we please ask that you ensure your children return to school in **fully named uniforms** (including, shoes, coats and PE kits). This will help enormously when things are lost. Any found but unnamed items are placed in Lost Property.

#### PE kits

These are required in school all week— from Monday to Friday. These should include red shorts, plain white T- shirt or polo shirt, plimsolls or trainers.

#### Water bottles and Healthy Snacks.

Please can your child have a named water bottle as it is important to keep them hydrated and ready to learn. A fruit snack is provided as part of the Government scheme at morning break time each day. Any snacks brought from home will need to be healthy in accordance with our status as a "Healthy School". Biscuits, sweets and crisps are not permitted.



#### Classroom Support

*Could you spare a little time on a regular basis during the school day to support the children's learning ?*

We are always in need of additional adults to read with children. If you can help, please drop in **after school** and speak to your class teacher.

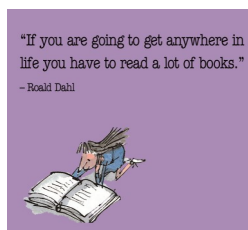


### Working Together

Throughout the year it is natural that you or your child may have concerns and we are more than happy to discuss these with you. If you need to see us please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment. Things are always hectic first thing in the morning, so we usually have more time to talk to you after school.

### Home Learning

We cannot emphasise enough how important it is that children's learning in school is supported at home. This is especially true of reading. To become confident and fluent readers, children need to practise daily in school and at home. Other homework activities are sent out termly with a range of activities to choose from. Please send in homework on Fridays. Spellings are also tested weekly on Fridays. In addition, children have access to a range Maths Apps that they can use at home, such as Reflex Maths and Hit the Button.



### Rewards

In our classes, and throughout the school community, children are rewarded for good work and positive behaviour. They can be awarded **BARTS, house points, certificates, stickers, class rewards, Star of the Week and lunchtime awards.**



### Entering School

Please remember that we expect that the children will enter via the hall and walk to their classrooms on their own. Should you need to speak with a member of staff in the morning you will need to sign in and enter the school through the office. Thank you for your support.

# This Term's Learning

This term all our learning is centred around the topic of Space.

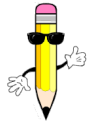
Our essential question is... *What pants would aliens wear?*

We will use this question (linking to the popular book 'Aliens love Underpants'), as a starting point to explore the exploration of our Solar System and our planet's place within it.

## English

This term the children will be describing and aliens, writing a guide for visiting aliens and making up their own alien story!

Children will continue to practise their handwriting and phonics daily. Grammar work will focus on word classes, sentence structures and punctuation.



## Mathematics

In Maths this term the children will learn about Place Value and continue to practise a range of calculation strategies. They will learn about number, money, measures, shape and space, time and data handling and apply this knowledge in solving real life problems.

## Science

In Science we will be learning all about humans and other animals and their habitats and including this information in our 'Guide for Aliens'.

## Music

In Music we will be listening to 'The Planets' by Gustav Holst, composing our own planetary music and learning songs about our Solar System.



## PSHE

Our learning will centre on establishing classroom routines and rules and on our shared British Values.

## History & Geography

Our History learning will focus on the lives of significant people and the race into Space. In Geography we will learn about the Earth as viewed from Space, naming our continents and oceans.



## Art & Design Technology

In Art we be using a variety of media, including marbling inks, to explore making pictures of planets real and imagined.

We will also be designing and making underpants for visiting aliens. These will be on

## Computing

We will be using APPs to learn the fundamentals of programming and about digital citizenship and how to stay safe online.



## PE

In PE this term we will be doing dance and gymnastics.

## RE

This term we will learning why the Bible is special and about Jesus and the story of Christmas.



## Meet the teachers!

Come and meet your child's teacher on Tuesday 11th September afterschool.

