

# Year One's Newsletter

## Spring Term — To Infinity and Beyond!



This term, we will be reading a range of exciting space themed fiction and non-fiction books, including: Aliens Love Underpants, Aliens Save the World and The First Hippo on the Moon. Children will be developing the following skills:

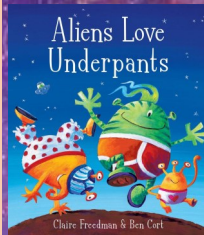
- Sentences that make sense using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
- Using conjunctions to extend sentences e.g 'and' or 'because'.
- Using the suffixes 'ed' and 'ing' at the end of words to support past and present tenses accurately.
- Continue to use phonic knowledge to spell words.
- Use adjectives (describing words) to add detail to writing.



In the Spring term, we will be focusing on applying our knowledge of addition and subtraction within 20. Children will

be using a range of resources including: Numicon, 10's frames and number lines to count forwards and backwards. When children have secured their understanding, we will be applying our place value knowledge to use numbers up to 50.

At home, you could reinforce counting and writing numbers consistently to 50 and beyond. Regular use of Numbots and Maths Shed will also enable children to develop confidence with number application and reinforce number facts.



### PE:

The focus this term will be attack, defend and shoot - developing spatial awareness, hand/eye coordination, ball skills and working as part of a team.

PE lessons will take place on the following days:

Both classes : Monday & Friday



In Science, we will be investigating seasonal changes by observing weather changes, collecting and recording data and identifying how animals adapt during the winter.

### PSHE

We will be discussing the importance of community and the roles of different people within our lives.

### RE

We will be learning about Sikhism including: exploring the meaning of symbols, important stories and sharing our own experiences.

### Art

We will be using a range of resources to develop drawing techniques.

### D&T

We will be using our design and evaluating skills to create a 3D rocket.

### Geography:

We will be investigating our local area and using maps and atlas to make comparisons.

### Home Work:

Homework challenges will be given each Friday (paper based or online-edshed) for you to complete with your child over the weekend, which will reinforce our previous week's learning.

Daily reading practice will also be beneficial to support children's fluency and understanding.



### Bug Club:

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?e=18c=0](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?e=18c=0)

### Spelling Shed:

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

### NumBots:

<https://www.ttrackstars.com>

### RWI

To support your child with their phonics, you can use the speed sound chart (that was issued at parent's evening) to challenge your child to read the sounds (special friends) in and out of order and ask them to read them in words. The RWI book bag books support their sound blending, fluency, comprehension and enjoyment! Therefore, reading at home is imperative for your child's progress.



### Topic: To Infinity and Beyond!

History will be the focus of our topic lessons. The children will gain knowledge and skills through the researching of important events that have taken place in space. This will include: the first man on the moon and more recent space travel.

We will be incorporating Art and DT to create planets and rockets.



### SMSC

British Values and Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural (SMSC) aspects run all through our curriculum and the children's emotional, physical and spiritual needs are fulfilled through our broad, balanced and enriched curriculum.