

# Inspiring Curriculum Newsletter

## Ospreys

Spring 2019



**Our Theme: Mission to Mars**

### **Our Key Values:**

Caring, Commitment to Achieve, Co-operation,  
Fairness, Honesty Respect



Welcome back after, what I hope was, a fantastic Christmas break. The children have come back to school with a fantastic attitude and really enjoyed our Astronaut Training themed 'Wow' day

If you need to speak to me about any concerns you may have please contact the School Office or speak to me in the playground, before or after school.

As always, if you are available to help in school to listen to readers or have skills that fit any of the themes it would be good to hear from you.

### **English**

In English, we are learning about different genres, cross-linking themes where we can to our topic this term. Our exciting new daily Reading sessions will allow us to go into much more depth with a variety of texts and really develop the children's skills. Spelling will continue to be taught alongside this.

### **Mathematics**

In Mathematics, we will be using our number operation skills in a variety of problems. These problems will include reading statistics, money, time, temperatures and distance. We will be looking to develop our skills with mental and written calculations. The children will be regularly assessed and the areas for development will determine our focus from then up until the end of the term.

### **Science**

In Science, during our exciting Earth and Space topic, we will be developing our working scientifically skills through a range of investigations which will cover the celestial bodies in our Solar System.

### **R.E**

In RE, we will be focusing on the question 'Do you need to believe in God to be good?' considering the views and lifestyles of Humanists and Buddhists amongst others.

### **Computing**

In Computing, we are learning to be network engineers applying a range of Computing skills during our weekly sessions.

### **Jigsaw**

In Jigsaw we are learning about Dreams and Goals – setting short term targets as well as long term ambitions. We will look at what steps to success we will need to take to achieve our goals. As well as, looking at our dreams for the world.

### **P.E**

In P.E we will be focussing on Netball (positions, responsibilities, officiating using high five Netball rules) and Gymnastics (balance, strength and flexibility).

### **Music**

In Music we will be exploring the theme of growth.

## International Primary Curriculum

We learn these subjects through our theme. For our themes we have an entry day to enthuse the children and an exit day to celebrate all that we have learned.

**Our theme is *Mission to Mars***

*Our Entry day activity involved Astronaut Training to understand the sorts of activities NASA might use.*

*Our Exit day will be a creative summary of our learning this topic.*

**As Historians we will** find out about aspects of the past from a range of sources. We will consider how Space travel has changed over time.

**As Geographers we will** be looking at the Geographical features of Mars and considering how similar features are formed on Earth. We will use this knowledge to draw conclusions about Mars' past.

## Important Information

As per the school homework policy, which is available at [www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.marketrasen.lincs.sch.uk) homework will be set on Thursday and returned on Monday, when we go through the reading element together.

Our P.E days are: Tuesday and Friday .

Please listen to them read as regularly as you can. This 'reading' includes newspapers, instructions, websites and magazines. The children will be issued with Spelling as part of their homework; please ensure they are practised and recorded in the homework book.

I look forward to seeing you again at the Parent Consultations later in the Spring; however, if you have any concerns before then please contact me.

Kind regards,

Michael Mullen