

Halton Class

This leaflet will tell you about this term's topics and when P.E. kits, homework and reading books need to be in school.



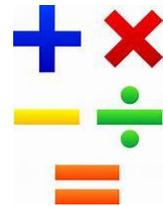
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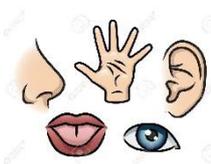
This term we will begin with a poetry focus, linking to the 'space' theme. The children will be developing their use of adjectives to describe their senses and will build up to forming simple sentences independently to write a poem. We will focus on including finger spaces, capital letters and full stops in sentences. We will also focus on writing setting descriptions and diary entries from space. In guided reading lessons, we will be reading short sentences, poems and stories based on our 'space' theme. The children will be using their phonic knowledge to sound out words and to practise their reading skills. Spellings will be given out each week allowing the children the opportunity to practise their high frequency words and their phonics. These should be practised at home as well as in school, in preparation for the spelling test every Friday.

Maths

Maths this term will start off with a place value focus which will consist of counting to 20, counting in 2's and looking at numbers in word form as well as numerals. Maths will be linked to our 'space' theme including alien and space rocket problems. The children will work on their 2 times tables and will begin to be tested on these in school on a Thursday morning. This will be followed by work on practical addition, where the children use objects to aid their learning. Following that, the children will focus on 2-D and 3-D shape. The children will also look at measures including length and weight which will be related to the space theme. Pupils will use a range of practical equipment to support their learning each lesson and will also use Mathletics each week. Mathletics homework will be set each week for pupils to complete at home.



Science



In science this term, pupils will be learning about senses and the human body. Children will look at the different types of senses, which body part is linked to which sense and how we use these. Children will also focus on the different body parts of a human and will practise these through labelling. Pupils will also look at how we differ and will use this to record data.

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### Computing

In computing lessons, pupils will be focusing on multi-media using iPad apps such as 'Puppet Pals' and 'Tellagami' to present information. Children will retell fairy tales that we have focused on in English through the use of the iPads. Children will also be given the opportunity to share their mathematical understanding through the 'Seesaw' app.



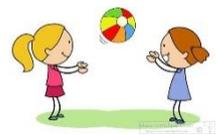
### Cross-curricular work



The first half of the term will begin with a focus on Space. Pupils will study the moon landing, visits to space and a day in the life of an astronaut. The children will write a diary entry as an astronaut and will create a historical timeline of events.

### PE

In PE we will begin with developing our throwing and catching skills. Pupils will be given the opportunity to practise this skill independently and in groups. We will also have keep fit lessons each week whereby children will use a range of equipment in the hall to learn about the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.



### Art



Pupils will begin the year by creating work for the front cover of their art books by combining paints for effect. Pupils will also complete space artwork linking to our research theme. Pupils will complete self-portraits and develop their sketching skills.

### Music

Mrs Shakespeare will teach the children music on a Wednesday morning. Pupils will enjoy singing and learning new music as well as playing a variety of musical instruments.



### Important things to remember

- Full school P.E. kit is needed on Monday (PE) and Tuesday (Dance) and Wednesday (Keep fit).
- READING BOOKS need to be brought into school every day. Children will change their Benchmarking book and Library book once a week.
- HOMEWORK will be set every Thursday and will be due back in school the following Thursday.

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- MATHLETICS HOMEWORK will be set every Thursday, also due the following Thursday.

Pupils will also be given spellings and times tables to learn and practice each week. These will be tested on a Thursday (times tables) and Friday (spellings).

Throughout the term work completed by the children will be put on to our blog/twitter page. Please look at our work by visiting <http://www.castleviewprimaryschool.co.uk/>

If you have any concerns or issues, please do not hesitate to speak to me after school.