



Home School Guide – Autumn 1 2020

Sunbeams – Year 1/2

Theme/Topic – Space

Welcome back! Our topic this half term is all about Space with a focus on planets and famous astronauts.

English – In English this half term we will be looking at *The Way Back Home* by Oliver Jeffers and we will be writing our own versions of the story. We will also be writing some information about different planets in our Solar System and entering a poetry competition to have our space poems published in a real book.

Year 2 will be focussing on punctuating each sentence correctly and using adjectives to describe.

Year 1 will be focussing on making sure all the sounds are in each word they write and finger spaces between each one.

Maths – Both Year 1 and Year 2 will be working on Place Value and addition and subtraction this half term.

Topic – In **Science** we will be identifying, naming, and comparing the suitability of different materials. We will be selecting the right materials to build a space suit ready for a space walk.

History – We will be finding out about the first people and animals in space and more recently Tim Peake's space journey.

DT – Children will be looking creating a moving space picture with a lever, pivot and slider.

Things to remember

- Start time for our class only is **8.40am** and pick up time is **3.10pm**. **All children should be dropped off and picked up at the pedestrian gate at the front of school only.**
- At the beginning of the day we change our books. Reading Diaries need to be signed by parents and shown to an adult in class before a new book can be chosen.
- **Library books** will be changed every Wednesday, please make sure it is returned each week.
- **PE** is on Thursday this half term where non contact Dance will be taught by a specialist from Ultimate Sport. **Children must come to school dressed in their PE kits on this day. They will NOT be getting changed in school.**
- **Spellings** are sent home on a Friday as part of the homework. A spelling test will be completed the following Thursday. All other homework should be returned the following Wednesday.
- Please make sure your child has a **water bottle** in school each day filled with fresh water – **no juice please.**
- **Morning snack** – please send your child with a piece of fruit, vegetables, cheese or fruit juice. There will be **no Tuck Shop in September**. Crisps, biscuits, chocolate etc will not be allowed to be eaten in school at break time and will be returned home the same day.
Please remember we are a nut free school.



Websites to access

<https://trockstars.com/> <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk> www.purplemash.com
www.spellingshed.com/en-gb

Username and passwords to these accounts will be sent home with your child this week. Please see Mrs Stephenson or I if you cannot access them at home.

Key Dates

Fri 18th September – Jeans for Genes day – wear denim in school £1 donation

Tues 29th September – Harvest Festival – class donations for hampers to be delivered into the community (more details to follow)

Fri 9th October – whole school well being day

Thurs 22nd October - After school Halloween class parties (more details to follow)

Fri 23rd October - end of term

School reopens on Monday 2nd November at 8.40am

