

Atlantis Newsletter autumn 2 2021



Welcome back to one of our favourite half terms of the year as we run up to Christmas! It is always a busy one but so much fun!

This half term our topic will be 'Blast into Space!'

Our topic web can be viewed on the school website under  Classes  Atlantis-what's new? It is also on Dojo for you to see.

Curriculum Information:

- Maths, English, guided reading and phonics are taught daily alongside other areas of the curriculum.
- **Reading:**

Our focus on reading is to build **fluency**, **confidence** and **pleasure**. We will do this through teaching your child to apply phonic knowledge, blending sounds in unfamiliar words and reading common exception words.

Your child will be reading a mixture of phonic based books and books which also contain the tricky words. Through re-reading these books, it will enable your child to grow in confidence and build their fluency. Reading is not a race to get onto the next book band level and we really want to foster a love of reading. Reading takes many forms: on some occasions, you may spend the reading time reading through a magazine together; reading a recipe; or reading online etc. please continue to read to your child (a book harder than they could read alone). We want to immerse them in stories, non-fiction and poetry! We ask that your child reads every night (where possible) and that you record this in the reading record book. **It is vital that your child reads every day at home.**

- **Maths:**
In Atlantis, the focus within mathematics is to build **fluency**, **problem solving** and **reasoning** across all the mathematical strands. This half term Year 1 will be focusing on addition, subtraction, place value and shape. Year 2 will be looking at money, multiplication and division.

Times Tables and Homework:

Year 2s, please continue to play TTRS 😊

Year 1, please play Numbots regularly.

Maths homework will be set for Year 2 on Emile and Year 1 will have a maths sheet sent home on a Thursday.



- **Spelling:**
Spellings will be sent out every Monday. These will be formed from the graphemes we have been learning plus any Y1 common exception words. **Tests will be the following Monday giving all children the full week and weekend to learn their spellings.**

PE:

Please ensure your child has their labelled PE kit in school.

- **Monday:** Fundamental Movement Skills with Mrs Horn.
- **Friday:** Gymnastics with Mrs Lever
- **Daily:** Daily 10 minute run

As always, our door is always open and you are welcome to come and speak with us. Our Class Dojo is frequently checked and any messages answered as quickly as we possibly can.

Mrs Horn, Mrs Lever and Team Atlantis!