Curriculum Newsletter

MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM 1 YEAR 2

Autumn 1 School Value: Aspirational

Science

We are learning about everyday materials and their uses. We will be exploring materials made from plastic, glass, cardboard or paper, wood, rock, ceramic or fabric. We will be explaining why these materials are used for different purposes e.g. a spoon is made from metal because it is durable.

You can help your child at home by encouraging discussion about everyday materials in your home. Encourage them to use words like absorbent, flexible, versatile, natural, waterproof, durable and strong.

PSHE

We will be looking at the school rules and how this can have a positive impact on school. We will also learn and understand what it means to be bullied and develop strategies for dealing with bullying.

Computing

The children will learn all about old fashioned photography and how it has developed into digital photography using an iPad.

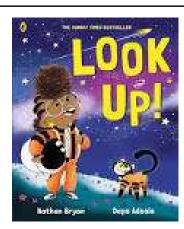
Natterhub

We will be evaluating how much time is spent on devices and what is an appropriate amount of time that is healthy for our minds. In some situations, using devices is not safe, kind or healthy and we need to have strategies that help us make good choices

Design and Technology

<u>Textiles</u> - In this block, pupils will learn how to use a template to create a simple patchwork by repurposing clothing to create something practical and useful. They will develop their skills using a needle and thread to create small, even stitches.

English



This half term we are reading 'Look Up!' by Nathan Bryon. The children will be working up to writing a diary entry about a space adventure. We will also be learning to write instructions on how to make a rocket, designing a menu suitable for space and making that meal, as well as creating a fact file. This relates to our learning in history, where we will be learning about space and different astronauts, including Mae Jemison, who is featured in our book!

Music

The children will be taking part in hand chimes this half term. An external music teacher will be coming into school to teach the children how to play a note on a hand chime and how to work collaboratively to make a piece of music using hand chimes.

PΕ

PE days are:

2A and 2B: Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor) 2C: Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

Our focus in PE will be co-ordination, agility and balance. The children will complete a range of movements to ascertain their fundamental skills

In maths the children will begin with number within 100. They will understand place value, identify and recognise numbers up to 100. They will also be adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers up to 100 and the using this knowledge to problem solve.

Religious Education

How can we make good choices?

The children will explore how people always face moral choices. We will look at what makes our classroom a happy

Memorable Experience / Help at home / Messages

Our memorable experience will be linked to space. The children will practise being an astronaut, they will make and taste some space food, as well as building their own rockets!

 ${\bf Reading}\,$ - Make sure you share your child's reading book with them for at least five minutes each day.

Library— Year Two borrow books from the school library and will change the books every Monday, so make sure they are returned on this day.

Homework – Please help your child complete homework on time.

Timetable rockstars and Oxford reading buddy – Please make

History

Maths

We will be researching the different explorers that took a journey into space! We will find out their names and what made them significant individuals. We will look at