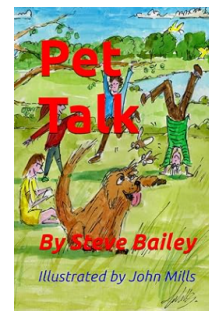




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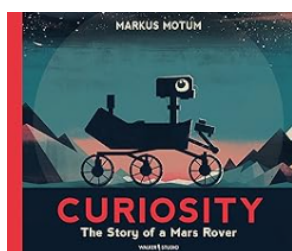
Dear Parents,

This half term, we will be setting off on Space and exploration adventures through our work in English, Science and Geography as we ask *Is there anybody out there?* On **Friday 12th January**, we are lucky enough to be visited by local author Steve Bailey who will talk to us about his debut children's book, *Pet Talk*, and we are also excited about our exploration of space via the mobile planetarium which will visit us on **Monday 22nd January**. Parents' Evening is on **Tuesday 6th February**.



The Global Goals that this half term's learning is linked to are:

- Decent work and Economic Growth;
- Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure;
- Sustainable Cities and Communities;
- Responsible Consumption and Production;
- Life on Land;
- Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.



English

In *Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover*, pupils meet Curiosity herself who guides them on a journey from the laboratory to Mars to see just how far curiosity had led us and much further it still might take us. Through the Disney Pixar short film, *La Luna*, pupils will also stretch their imagination and meet two characters who travel to the Moon. Our Guided Reading text for the half term is *Cosmic* by Frankie Cottrell Boyce.



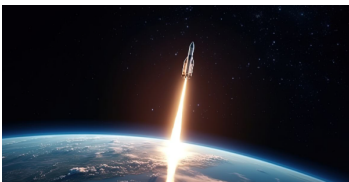
Maths

This half-term we will be covering the following main areas:

- Decimals and percentages
- Ratio
- Algebra
- Volume, area and perimeter



Science



We will be learning about Earth and Space. We will be able to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system and describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth. We will be able to describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies and use the idea of the

Earth's rotation to explain day and night and explain the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.

Computing

We will be learning how to create websites for a chosen purpose. We will identify what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate our own website using Google Sites. During this process we will pay specific attention to copyright and fair use of media, the aesthetics of the site, and navigation paths.

Geography

We will work with atlases and maps, and learn about compass points, symbols and grid references to locate places around the world and also in our local area.

RE

We will be learning about a local church, the building, special artefacts and its role in the community. We will examine the use of music in Christian worship. We will explain how music can help a Christian explain their faith and can help them feel closer to God. We will link our understanding of the local church to the church as a world wide community.

Art

We will study the abstract art of Peter Thorpe and create our own 3D rocket pictures.

PE

Pupils should come into school on a Wednesday and in PE kit. This half term in PE on a Friday with me, we will be exploring Space themed Dance.

Homework and ways to help your child

Each week, two homework activities based on the English and Maths work that the children have completed during that week will be set in blue homework books. The children will bring these books home on Fridays and the work needs to be completed and returned to school by the following Thursday.

Homework Club is available during Friday lunch break for any pupil who has been unable to complete their homework during the week.



We continue to promote a love of reading this year. When your child reads, they should record this in their diary and also have their diary signed and dated by an adult once a week. Children need to bring their reading book and diary into school every day as we will also read in school, and reading diaries will be monitored by a member of staff. Please also encourage your child to take part in Spelling Shed assignments which link directly to our weekly class spelling activities. It is very important in Year 6 to recall all the multiplication times tables up to 12x12 so please encourage your child to spend at least 20 minutes per week using Times Tables Rockstars.

I am looking forward to another exciting term. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me via the class email address, dragonflies@winchamcp.cheshire.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mrs Hamman