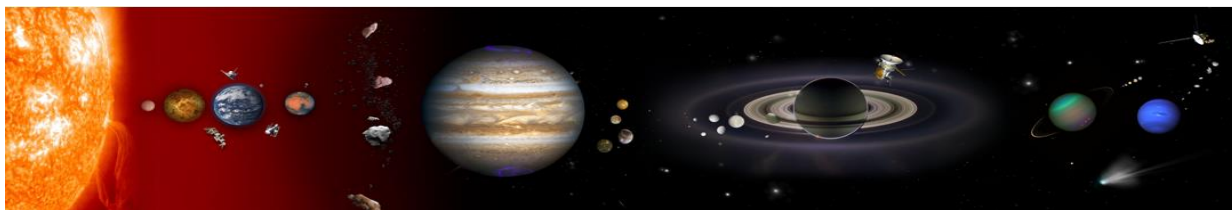
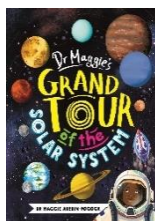


Class 4 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2 – light and space



Welcome back to school for the second part of the Autumn term. This half term is all about science and delving into our understanding of light, how we see and how it affects shadows. We will also be exploring our knowledge of space, our solar system, and the stars above us. We will be carrying out investigations involving how the sun affects our shadows, carrying out detailed research about space and asking questions to further our understanding. We will also be having a science week; lookout for more information on our 'Science in a box' home. We are also looking forward to another amazing visit from the STEM team at Lancaster University. It truly will be an exciting science-filled half term! **Please ensure your child is learning their Knowledge Organiser facts as there will be a regular weekly quiz.**



In English, we will begin our half term focusing on non-fiction texts as part of 'National non-fiction November'. We will be carrying out closer scrutiny of information texts about light and space before creating information texts of our own focused on the solar system. Later this half term we will begin reading 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens, giving the children the opportunity to explore this true classic and its remarkable characters. As luck might have it this will also be our annual Christmas theatre trip in December. Our class reading sessions will focus on key reading skills, exploring facts and opinions, exploring vocabulary, and asking questions about both fiction and non-fiction texts. Ask the children about their 'Vocabulary Ninja' words of the day to encourage them to explain their understanding. Please allow time to discuss what children are reading at home and allow the children to explain their understanding of what they have been reading.



We will continue to regularly send reading books home and aim to change these on a regular basis. We will expect ALL reading books to be in school every day as the start of our school day will always revolve around reading and setting a calm focused start to our learning. Please ensure that these home readers are in school every day as reading will place regularly in school, either with myself and Mrs Stocks or during the reading workshops.

Home learning will continue to go home every Thursday so please ensure that home learning is back in school each Tuesday to allow us time to check and give out the new home learning.

In Maths we will continue to focus on basic skills, place value and their understanding of number. This half term we will also be exploring different types of angles, fractions and ratios and measurements. Every day we will be exploring mental and written strategies and exploring a range of methods to solve addition and subtraction problems.

In our R.E. lessons, the children will be learning about Christianity, God, and celebrations. How do we prepare for celebrations that we experience in life through closer investigation of the Christmas story.

P.E. will take place on Friday afternoon. This half term we will continue focusing on hockey skills and developing these skills further. Please ensure that children wear their PE kits into school on any day that they have PE. Please do not send your child in earrings on P.E. days as, even if they can be removed, there is always the worry that things will be lost! **This half term, Class 4 will be swimming so please ensure that you have your swimming kit, goggles and swimming hats on a Monday. They will also need pajamas or shorts and T shirts for the first 3 weeks as they will be doing water safety.**



Do not hesitate to contact me when needed. *Mr McGurk*