

As **writers**, we will use our class texts, (Aliens love underpants and How to catch a star.) to write lists and create posters. We will also be holding a sentence.

For **handwriting** we are using the 'Pick and tip' method to hold our pencil in the correct pincer grip. We follow the kinetic letter scheme and will be focusing on the abracadabra family – c,a,o,d,g,s,q.

As **readers** we will recognise, write and blend words with the Read, Write, Inc set 1 speed sounds. We will also learn to recognise our 'Tricky Red words' by sight.

We will develop our love of reading by sharing stories, creating and acting out events, investigating characters through drama and accessing the reading area.

As **communicators** our children will have many opportunities in their learning, play and social interactions to develop their communication and language skills.

## Kinetic Letters



Class Donaldson

Spring 1



Space

As **geographers** we will:

Find out about our planet Earth and some of its physical features including: land, sea, air, desert, polar regions, mountains, jungle, grassland, forests etc.

We will also explore the role of an astronaut.



In **R.E.** the focus is incarnation following the understanding Christianity curriculum. Children will also explore Hinduism and the key belief of reincarnation.

Our Christian value for this half term is '**friendship and humility**'. Using the Good Samaritan story from the bible we will discuss what makes a good friend. Prompting this throughout our daily school life. Children will have the opportunity to express what they are good at and discover we all have different talents and interest but we are the same on the inside.

As **mathematicians** we follow the NCTEM 'Mastering Number Programme' and we will:

Subitise 1-6.

Count in sequence and know that last number they reach is the amount in the set.

Look at the composition of numbers up to 5. Then extend with 6 and 7.

Finally, will compare numbers and quantities using the term equal and unequal.



As **historians** we will:

Learn about space travel and significant events (Moon landing, Mars rover, International Space Station) in the past and present.



Find out about famous astronauts including Neil Armstrong, Mia Jemison and Tim Peake.

Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, which is clearly labelled with his/her name and all jewellery has been removed for our P.E. lessons.

Our PE Day is Tuesday

As **scientists** we will:

Be learning all about Earth and Space and the Solar System.

Name some of the planets and say how they are different from each other.

Know that gravity is an invisible force on Earth that keeps us on the ground.

Continue to explore the season of Winter and also look for any early signs of Spring

Our **Scientific skills** of observation, recording, asking questions and using new vocabulary as we record and talk about our new knowledge, will be developed as we explore the seasons and gravity.



#### **Don't forget...**

Homework will be given out on Friday and is to be returned to school the following Wednesday please.

Reading Folders need to be brought to school every day.

Label all children's clothing, in particular jumpers, cardigans, water bottles and PE kits.

Please don't forget to get in touch if you have any questions. Thank you!



In **Life skills**, children will understand why we have rules, the importance of persistence and perseverance in the face of challenges. As well as. Learn how to communicate effectively with others, practice coping strategies, and to learn new skills that will help them show resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge.

As **Musicians** we will be listening carefully to and appraising a range of different music.

We will be focusing on singing and performing the Nursery Rhymes and action songs Wind The Bobbin Up, Rock-a-bye Baby, Five Little Monkeys Jumping On The Bed, Twinkle Twinkle, If You're Happy And You Know It, Head, Shoulders, Knees And Toes. We will explore pulse, rhythm and pitch.

#### How can I help my child?

Read with your child as often as you can. Sharing books will be changed weekly. Ask your child questions about the book you have shared, including characters, events and favourite parts. Remember to explain any words which are unfamiliar to your child.



Practise recognising the letter sounds sent home and put them together to 'Fred Talk' then blend into simple 2 and 3 letter words.

Encourage your child to count objects and look for numbers and shapes in the environment.

Practise the correct formation of letters and numbers, holding a pencil correctly.

*BBC Numberblocks* are a fantastic resource for the children and can be accessed through BBC iPlayer.