



QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

YEAR 1 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: SPRING TERM 2019

MOON ZOOM!

It is great to see that all the children have settled back into class after the Christmas break and are excited about learning their new topic 'Moon Zoom'. During the Autumn term the children visited the Planetarium in our school hall. It was very exciting and the children saw some wonderful video clips about space as well as learning lots about how Astronauts survive in space.

We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning over the Spring Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied. This newsletter will also help you to plan ahead by giving you key dates before they are printed in the Purple Post, such as class assemblies and trips.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS	<p>We expect a high standard of behaviour from all children which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p> <p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>	UNIFORM	<p>Uniform is the same for Years 1-3. All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform.</p> <p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform, all items can be purchased from the academy office.</p>	START OF DAY ACTIVITY	<p>This term we are having a focus on handwriting and phonics during SODA time. (8.45-9.00am)</p> <p>During this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting by writing words containing sounds they have learnt during their phonics sessions.</p>
				ARRIVE ON TIME	<p>For the first 15 minutes of every day (after registration) the focus will be handwriting exercises and skills. If your child arrives late they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (by 8:55am) every day.</p> 



English

This term we will be focussing on adventure stories. One of the books we will be reading is QPootle 5. This is a fantastic story about a little alien who crash lands on earth. Fingers crossed, QPootle 5 will visit our class so we can meet him!



We will be doing lots of work on adjectives and conjunctions this half term so any work you can practise at home with your child would be great! Here are some ideas:

- Writing sentences about their day using lots of describing words.
- Writing a recount to their teacher about something they have enjoyed doing at home or a place they have visited.

Mathematics

We will be focusing on place value and data handling this term in Mathematics. We would be grateful if you could **practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards** with your child as often as possible.

Theme

In the first part of the Spring Term our theme is 'Moon Zoom'. This theme focuses on art, DT and music. We are also doing lots of exciting writing in Theme this half term to practise the skills we have learnt in our English lessons.

In the second half of the Spring Term our theme will be 'Beastly Bugs' where we focus on Science and living things. We will be looking closely at life cycles of a frog and butterfly and the different types of animals.

DT

In DT this half term we will be designing and making our very own space alien with moving parts. The children will be using different materials and joining methods to create their aliens.

Music

During the first half of the Spring term we will be learning to compose our own music using pictures and diagrams to help us. The children will be making their own space music using a variety of instruments.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our PE days this term are Mini Grey - Wednesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor). Eric Carle- Tuesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor).

PE is part of our academy curriculum and **we expect all children to bring a full PE kit to school** so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions. PE kit can be left on your child's peg in their classroom.

All jewellery must be removed. Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson.

Please make sure your child has a warm hoody/top for outdoor PE, especially now the weather is very cold!

READING

In year 1 we expect children to be **reading for at least 10 minutes daily**. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding.

Your child's books will be changed once they have read them at least twice at home with an adult. Please record any reading you do in your child's reading diary. This can be books from home too or magazines etc.

QUEENSMEAD QUESTS

Thank you so much to all those parents who helped their child create some magnificent castles and vehicles as part of their homework last term. They went on show in our library and everyone thought they were brilliant!

Queensmead Quests will continue to be given out once per half term with your child's homework book. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support.

Your child will be given their pink homework book to complete the activities in or they can add photographs or pictures to this book to show us their amazing work from home!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30th January - Roger Hargreaves class assembly

13th February - Colin Thompson Class assembly

15th February - Break up for half term

6th March - Valerie Thomas class assembly

3rd April- Eric Carle class assembly

12th April- Break up for Easter holidays.