



PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
Friday 14th January 2022



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A warm welcome back to you all! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and are ready for the exciting and busy term ahead!

ONLINE SAFETY

A reminder that we will be holding an online safety parent Workshop with Simon Aston from Northamptonshire County council, who provides lots of helpful advice to parents on how to keep your children safe online.

Please see a helpful guide linked below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#>

PARKING

Unfortunately, once again, parking unsafely and inconsiderately during school drop off times remains an issue. Sadly, in the last week we have received several complaints from local residents. We are working with the local community and the police on this matter.

A polite reminder that car park is for staff only and blue badge holders.

Reception – Space





This term we are taking an adventure into Space. We will be looking at all the different planets in the solar system and what makes them unique. Along with looking at significant people who went into space such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake and what adventures they had in space. We will be becoming scientists and conduct space experiments and explore space through VR sets.

Year 1 - Paws, Claws and Whiskers!



This half term Year 1's topic is Paws, Claws and Whiskers and we are learning all about animals including humans! We are focusing on Science and will be investigating and classifying different animals from all over the world. The children will learn different body parts of animals and how to compare them – for example birds have wings but amphibians do not.

We will also be using computers, learning how to use word processor; typing facts we have learnt about animals and changing the font!

This topic will conclude in an exciting visit from Ark Farm who will be bringing lots of different animals to school for us to meet and learn about!



Year 2 – The Spectacular Stuarts



During this term, we are going back in time to The Stuarts. We will learn about the Monarchs within this period of time and key events that happened during their reign; this will include the Civil War and Restoration of Charles II. We look forward to immersing ourselves by taking a step back in history.

After delving into the Stuart's history, we will be learning about one of the most famous events in that period; The Great Fire of London. We will look at a variety of sources that explore this event which will allow for us to gain greater understanding of the events that occurred, how the fire spread, the impact it had on London and key landmarks and how it was put to an end. The children will enjoy tasting and making bread, learn about the fire service with some videos of the local station and finally step into the shoes of Samuel Pepys.

Year 3 – Ancient Britain



During this term in Year 3, we will be going on a journey through Ancient Britain. We will be starting in 4000BC in the New Stone Age with a focus on the transition from hunter gatherer to farmer. As we progress, we will be moving on to the Bronze Age and learning about how migrating people introduced bronze to Britain. Our final stop in history for the term will be the Iron Age. We will be focusing on the tribal leaders and how they changed their way of living to protect themselves. Throughout all these periods



of time we will be looking at the difference between housing, jewellery, weapons and the importance of gods and ancestors.

Year 4- Ancient Civilisation



This term, Year 4 will be continuing their Ancient Civilisations topic and will be learning about the exciting era of the Ancient Greeks. The children will explore the timeline of the era, looking at key events that have impacted life today. Year 4 children will also learn about key historical figures from Ancient Greece such as Alexander the Great. Year 4 will also receive a special visitor who will deliver an Ancient Greek workshop day, where the children will delve further into the topic and will gain hands on experience with Ancient Greek artefacts. Towards the end of the term, Year 4 will get to experience Ancient Greek culture from language lessons and clothing to making food and participating in a real life ancient Olympic game.

Year 5 - Mission to Mars



This term, year 5 will be covering another exciting topic Mission to Mars! During this topic, which will continue over two terms, we will be exploring our fascinating universe.



In the first term, we will be investigating what lays behind our protective atmosphere of Earth by exploring all of the unique planets in the Solar System using not only science and the science behind how we get day and night and the seasons but through art as well. We will be creating masterpieces this term focusing on the stunning Northern Lights and the many constellations that litter our sky. This is such an exciting topic this term and we are all looking forward to becoming experts on our beautiful Solar System.

Year 6 - Renewable Energy



This half term, Year 6 will be learning about renewable, sustainable energy sources. This very practical topic will give the children an opportunity to build their own renewable energy sources such as environments to capture biogas and water wheels whilst also understanding their importance and use in the real world. To end the topic, they will use this knowledge to build their own eco-friendly, electric car and link in our Computing work to programme the car to move!

KEY DATES

Tuesday 18th January – 6:30pm – 7:30pm Simon Aston online safety workshop
Wednesday 26th January – Year 2 Assessments – Parents information evening 5:30pm via Zoom
Thursday 27th January – Year 6 Assessments – Parents information evening 5:30pm via zoom
Tuesday 8th February – 2:00pm Year 2 class assemblies to Year 2 parents
Friday 11th February – Last day
WC 14th February - Half term

Take care and have a wonderful weekend!



A few Highlights from the last few weeks!



Year 5 had a fantastic time becoming planets in our Solar System

Year 5 have turned into detectives this term in literacy!





Year 5 concentrating hard on their body percussion this week.



Y3 practising their multi skills at NSG this week!