

Walmer Castle Class

April 2019

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed the lovely weather and ate lots of chocolate. Our topic this term is 'Space', the class had already been set up and the children have been busy as astronauts in the space centre.

As the weather improves, please could you ensure your child has a sun hat and water bottle. On sunny days, please could you apply sun cream in the morning before school. The children are welcome to bring in a NAMED bottle of sun cream which they can reapply at lunchtime.

Our learning this term will be mainly about: Space

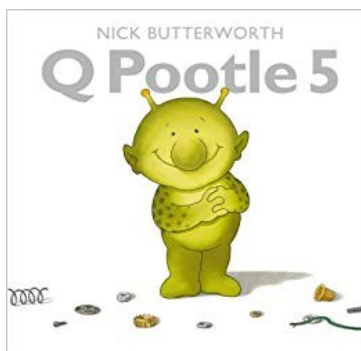
Literacy—Reading and Writing:

We will continue to teach the majority of our literacy through the class project of Space.

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using this as starting point for our writing.

Over the next term in our writing we will be concentrating on:

- Reading and discussing stories. We will be looking at 'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield. We will be using the pictures to help us answer inference questions. We will also be using it as a starting point to learning about Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.
- Sequencing. We will be sequencing the life cycle of a frog.
- Writing stories. We will be learning a story called 'Q Pootle 5'. We will use actions and pictures to help us before we write, and then change, the story.



Integrated Learning:

This term we will be learning all about 'Space' and although our focus will be history and science our topic learning will include lots of different subjects. Here are some of the things that we will be learning and doing:

- Learn about famous astronauts.
- Sequence events in their lives.
- Design, make and describe our own aliens.
- Draw a picture of Apollo 11.
- Use Google Earth to see what earth looks like from space.
- To locate and label the continents and countries.

In RE, we will be learning about the Muslim festival of Ramadan.



English—Reading:

In daily Sounds-Write sessions children will be:

- Learning to segment and blend sounds in 3 and 4 sound words,
- Learning to read and spell multi-syllable words.

Reading at home

Reading is a great way to spend time together. It really benefits your child, if they read with you at least three times a week. Children who read often achieve better in school. It helps to develop their imagination and develop empathy.

Reading also improves their vocabulary and language skills and teaches children about the world around them.

PE

This term we will be having our P.E sessions on Thursday morning. We will be practising team games in preparation for sports day next term.

P.E Kit

Children must have black shorts, green Langdon logo PE t-shirts and plimsolls or trainers.

Coins in a Bottle!

Thank you so much for all your support last term in collecting 5p pieces. We are now over half way, the class have chosen to buy some new toys for the classroom as their reward when the bottle is full.

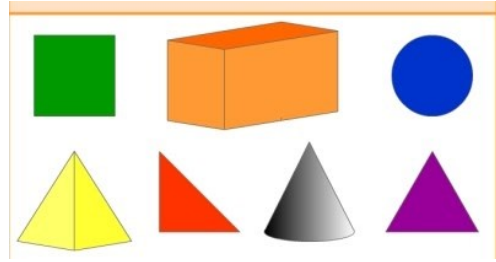


The money raised will be used by the PTFA to build us an outdoor classroom.

Numeracy

This term, in Numeracy sessions, we will be revisiting place value of numbers 1-20 and adding 2 one digit numbers.

The children will be learning to find the difference and learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.



Science:

This term in Science we will be looking at life cycles and the basic needs of animals.

We will be learning:

- About the life cycle of a frog and butterfly,
- How animals need water, food and air to survive,
- About the importance of eating the right types and amounts of food,
- About the importance of exercise.

We will also be carrying out an investigation involving space food!

Diary dates:

29th April- Bags 2 School collection

17th May—Non uniform day for Summer Fair

23rd May-Class Assembly 2.40 p.m.

24th May -End of Term 5

4th June-Term 6 begins