



## Class 2 – Spring 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope everyone had a fantastic time over Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year!

Our theme for this term is 'Incredible Journeys' and our first focus will be journeys into space.

### English

Phonics will continue to be taught every day following Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme. Children have been split into two groups:

Group 1) Children who are secure with Phase 5 sounds will begin to follow the Year 2 Little Wandle spelling scheme.

Group 2) Children will focus on Phase 5 sounds and work towards the Phonics Screening in the summer term.

All children are encouraged to use new sounds to support their independent writing and reading across the curriculum.

I have carefully chosen exciting texts to share with the children that link to our theme that will provide inspiration for writing opportunities (please see images below). Children will develop their vocabulary and have the opportunity to write a diary entry, describe characters and settings, retell a story and write a non-chronological report for one of the inspirational people who we will be learning about. Children will continue to focus on their handwriting and will have a handwriting book that they will access every morning to practise their letter formation. All children have access to Letter Join which they can now use at home to access a number of games and tools to support handwriting.

### Maths

In maths we will be working on addition and subtraction. Children will develop their number bonds using the part whole model to support their understanding of calculations. Your child has now received a login for Numbots which they can access at home as well as school. It is an online tool that supports mathematics in Key Stage One, I have found that the children enjoy playing the games in school and it improves quick recall of number bonds. Please support your child with learning their number bonds at home as knowing number bonds fluently up to ten is one of the foundations to more complex arithmetic. We will also focus on measurements: measuring and recording length and height and solving problems using money.

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### Science

In science we will learn about seasonal changes in winter. Children will learn that in winter the amount of daylight received is less and the nights are longer. We will record and make observations about the weather and then make comparisons to other seasons.

### PE

Our PE days are a Monday and a Friday. On a Monday we will be focusing on games - Rolla Ball. The children will develop their defending skills as well as team building. On a Friday we are fortunate to have a coach in school who will be supporting the children in gymnastics. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit and sensible footwear. We ask for long hair to be tied back and all jewellery to be removed. **Having items of school clothing named will be beneficial to all, as important learning time can sometimes be wasted finding out which jumper/ cardigan belongs to which child!** This will hopefully avoid your child coming home without the correct clothing. I will continue to keep an area in the cloakroom for any lost property found in Class 2 so please ask if your child is missing anything.

### Art

In art we will explore the work of Vincent Van Gogh. The children will have the opportunity to create their own piece of art influenced by *The Starry Night*. The children will develop their confidence when mixing colours and start to mix a range of secondary colours, moving towards predicting resulting colours.

### History

In history we will be exploring the incredible journey made by Neil Armstrong as he became the first man to land to walk on the moon. We will also look at the incredible journey made by Ibn Battuta across land and the journeys made by *Grace O'Malley* across sea.

### Forest School

We will begin to visit Forest School again every other week beginning next week! Every other Tuesday afternoon Class 2 will work collaboratively outdoors to complete activities that will develop play, exploration and supported risk taking. I will be working alongside Nikki during these sessions and know how beneficial they will be to the children. Therefore, please could you make sure your child comes to school with appropriate footwear and a water proof coat that they can use when working in the school grounds in different weather (these items could be left on your child's peg for future use).

### Computing

The alternative week to Forest School we will have computing. During computing sessions, we will consider how to keep safe online and the importance of keeping safe when using the internet. We will also use Purple Mash to make animated stories about an alien adventure.

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### Homework

**I cannot express how important reading is - it affects everything we do.** The more your child practices the better they become - as the terms go on it becomes apparent those who practice reading at home on a regular basis. Your child will be given two home reading books which will be changed every Wednesday after they have read - **please ensure this is in school on time.** Homework and reading books will then be sent back out on a Friday. During the week, your child will read twice to an adult 1:1 and then within a small group. Children will also have the opportunity to visit the library and choose a book to bring home to share - this will not necessarily be a book that they can read independently and is intended to be enjoyed together. **I would encourage you to listen to your child read at least twice a week as the more they read the more fluent they will become.**

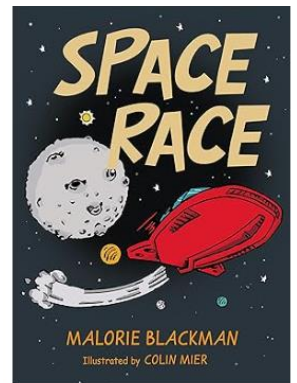
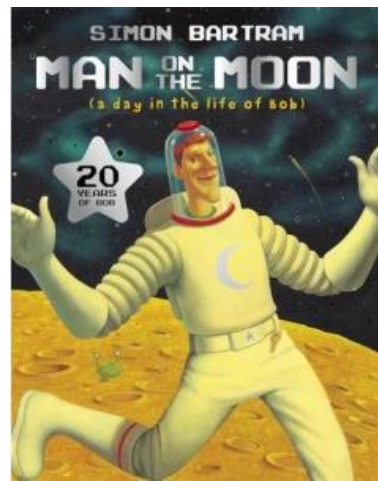
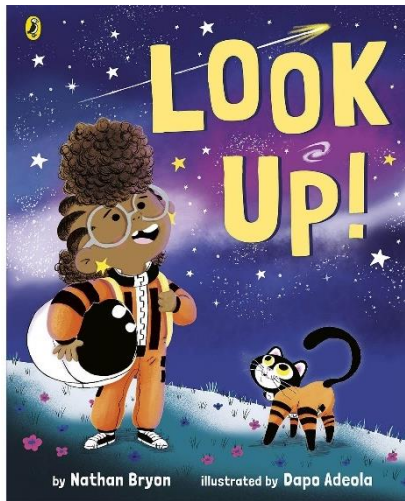
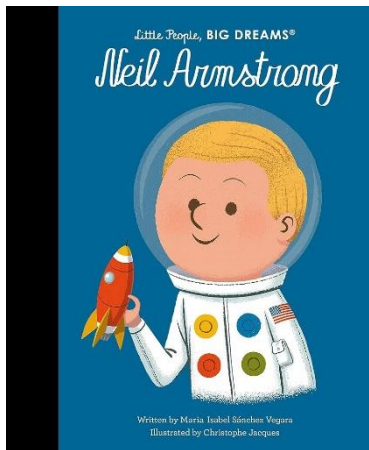
Miss Forth will continue to teach RE, Music and Spanish on a Wednesday afternoon.

I am really excited about the term ahead and know the children will love learning about our new theme.

Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bradwell



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spelling test		Reading book due in school		Spellings and reading book sent home

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PE kit	Forest school			PE kit
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