Maths

This half term we will be extending our understanding of place value, working with numbers up to 100. We will be using Base 10 to partition numbers into tens and ones. We will then be ordering and comparing 2-digit numbers.

Our second unit is shape. We will be naming and exploring the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Please encourage your child to use Numbots as much as possible to support them with the mental arithmetic. Top Marks Hit the Button is also a great way to practice recall of number facts.

Music

Music will be taught to Holly Class on a Thursday and Mrs Fuller has lots of exciting and practical musicals activities planned around Dynamics, Timbre, Tempo and Motifs all linked with our topic of Moon Zoom.

RE and PSHE/RSE

This half term we will be exploring the question, 'Why was Jesus given the name 'saviour'?'

We will be learning about the Christian Value of Hope and why it is important.

PSHE will be taught by Mrs Grimmer and they will begin exploring 'Celebrating Difference.'

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PE

PE will be taught by a Premier Sports Coach on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday morning. The children are to come in wearing their PE kits on these days. The children will be developing their skills in tag rugby and hockey.

English

This half term we will be using Owl Babies by M Waddell to create some non-fiction writing about owls. We will use Man on the Moon (A day in the life of Bob) by Simon Bartram to explore narrative and create our own versions of the story. Towards the end of the half term we will look at Letters from Father Christmas by J.R.R. Tolkien to practice our letter writing skills and write some very important letters to Father Christmas.

If the children have any fiction or non-fiction books based at home related to our topic of Moon Zoom then please do bring them in to share to help us encourage a love of reading.

Moon Zoom

A part of our topic this half term we will be looking at Seasonal Changes in Science and how the Sun contributes to the weather here on Earth, we will be comparing seasons and asking why we have more daylight in some months than in others.

Computing will involve investigating digital photography and looking at how scientists use technology to explore space.

For Geography we will be learning all about our planet Earth. We will investigate and compare the different oceans and continents and look at how climates around the world are different and what our solar system has to do with this.

History will be all about events beyond their living memory, learning all about Neil Armstrong and his landing on the moon.

For DT we will be exploring, designing, making and evaluating our very own moon buggies. We will be using wheels and axles to make our moon buggies move.

Please do share anything at home related to our topic! Books, photos or some amazing facts discovered through home learning.

Reading

We really appreciate all the support that you give the children by reading with them at home and know you are working hard with the children to learn their spellings. This half term we are focusing on the children's comprehension skills, so questioning them about what has happened in the books they are reading or asking them about why they think the author chose to use certain words or events will help support their general understanding of the texts they are reading.

