

SPRING NEWS



St Teresa's
Catholic Primary School

Events:

- **Space Science Days** 15th & 16th January.
- **Birmingham Science Museum** 23rd January.
- **5SD Class Assembly** 25th January 9.15am.
- **Science Dome** 31st January
- **5SD Nottingham Panthers Ice Skating** 15th February.
- **Fitness Friday** 16th February.
- **School closes for the half term** 16th February.
- **School re-opens** 26th February.
- **World Book Day** 2nd March
- **Parent's evening** 14th & 15th March
- **Stations of the Cross** 29th March
- **School closes for Easter** 29th March

DO THE LITTLE THINGS WELL.

WELCOME BACK

We hope you had an enjoyable break with your families and are looking forward to a very busy term.

R.E

The first RE topic of the Spring term is 'Mission', where we will learn about how other people can inspire us to do things for others, just like Jesus did. We will think about and discuss what our missions are and how we can help other people.

Our other topics are Memorial Sacrifice and Sacrifice. In these topics will help the children build up to Lent and the Easter story.

Literacy

This half term we will be using the Iron Man by Ted Hughes as our focus text. We will be con-



Ted Hughes—The Iron Man

centrating on perspective and point of view, in particular writing from the point of view of a different character and how the story and mood might change.

In the second half term we will be using the Tin Forest by Helen Ward as our focus text.

We will be using a range of others books to engage and interest the children, it is so important that your child reads daily and that you sign their organiser. Thank you for your continued support in this, it does make a huge difference.

WHAT IS MY MISSION?

Maths

At the start of this term we will be covering number and place value, Roman numerals and addition and subtraction problem solving. We will then cover multiplication, division and ge-

ometry, including reflection and translation. The children will continue to be set weekly Mathematics challenges as part of their homework, as well as the Maths questions on the weekly homework sheet. These activities help support the learning taking place in class.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on a Friday and due in on the following Wednesday. If your child needs any extra support with their homework, homework club runs on a Monday lunchtime. This is a time the children can complete some extra Mathematics work or ask for help with their homework.

The homework set is directly linked to our work in class and it is very important that your child completes their homework on time.

Reading

A huge well done to all of the children who read 7 times a week before Christmas. We hope you enjoyed your selection boxes, keep up the excellent work.



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Topic

Our topic questions this term are; 'Is there anyone out there?' and 'The Rainforest: A fight for life'. In our first topic we will learn about and research; the space race, space travel, space exploration and key people such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake.

Science

Our Science focus is Space, which links directly into our overall topic. We will be learning about the movement of Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in our Solar System. The children will use the idea of Earth's rotation to explain day and night, and have the opportunity to find out about how ideas have changed over time.

We will continue to have a huge focus on working scientifically, with the children focusing on the use of scientific vocabulary, planning and carrying out experiments and investigations and presenting their findings.

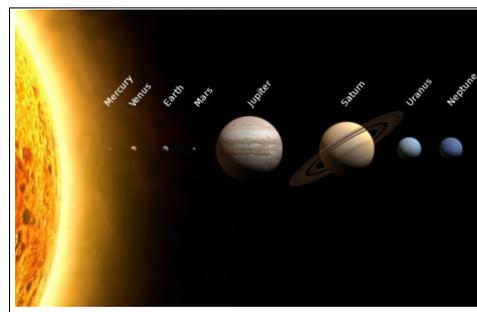
'IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?'

PE

PE will be taking place every Thursday afternoon. It is essential that the children bring in their own PE kit at the beginning of half term and can be brought home at the end of half term. PE is part of the National Curriculum and so it is important that every child takes part. If a child does not bring their kit into school, the school office will call parents to arrange a PE kit to be dropped off in school.

Computing

In Computing the children will be becoming bloggers! This will be linked to our Space topic and allow the children to create their own space blogs. We will also be working with programming external devices, learning about inputs and outputs. This will be a really exciting and creative topic which we hope the children will really enjoy.



Our Solar System

Year 5 Team

May we thank you in advance for your support and we look forward to a very successful Spring term.

Mr Dickie, Mr Hewlett and Mrs Ryan

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