

Literacy

There will be four main components to our Literacy lessons each week. The first component will be spellings; statutory spellings and spelling rules will be taught and practised on Fridays through Read Write Spell. Secondly, grammar skills will be learned, recalled and used in writing lessons throughout the week. The third component will be writing sessions, these will be themed around our current topic: 'Up, up and away' (Space). In Spring 1, we will write the following text types: A Non-Chronological Report on the planets, a Newspaper Report on The First Moon Landing, a Balanced Argument to debate and a Biography on a significant person. Comprehension is our final component in Literacy; we will be engaging in comprehension sessions four times per week.

Maths

Every day in Maths, we will complete 10 differentiated arithmetic questions that will be marked with the children. We will also complete daily timetables practise. We are currently focusing on learning 36 core times table facts.

In Spring 1, children in Year 3 will cover:
Multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, as well as measuring lengths.

In Spring 1, children in Year 4 will cover:
Multiplying and dividing 2 and 3-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers, as well as perimeter of shapes.

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Our Topic: Up, up and away (space)



Important Information for Spring 1:

- We are no longer swimming this term.
- PE with Hawkes will be every **Tuesday morning** 10am-11am and PE with Mrs Brown (gymnastics) will be **every Friday afternoon**. Please ensure children arrive in full PE kit on **Tuesdays and Fridays**.
- Weekly Spelling Challenges to take place every Friday (first one of term will be on 19.1.24). New spellings will be given out each Friday to learn for the following week.
- Homework: weekly spellings practise, TTRS maths challenges and reading.

The Wider Curriculum:

Science – Forces and magnets

History – Space Race: History of space discoveries and significant figures.

PSHE – Keeping Safe

Art – Power prints

French – French playground games and numbers.

PE- Fundamental skills and athletics led by HAWKES every Tuesday and gymnastics led by Mrs Brown every Friday PM.

Music – Pentatonic melodies and composition (Chinese New Year)

RE – What is the Trinity?

Computing – Video trailers