

Year 2 Newsletter No.15

20th January 2017



This Week – We are Space Explorers!



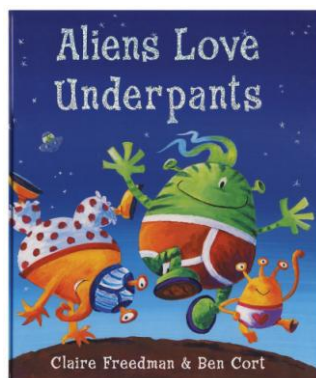
This week in our **Topic** work we have enjoyed researching and finding out about the different places explorers can visit and thought about explorations in space. We have been learning about the Apollo 11 moon landing and finding out about the American astronaut Neil Armstrong.

In our **RE** lessons we have been exploring who Jesus' friends were and begun finding clues about them in the Bible stories.

In our **ICT** lessons the children have continued using Espresso Coding to explore and create simple instructions to change or move objects on the screen. We have also been attempting some coding challenges.

In **Mathematics** this week we have been reading scales, weighing masses and solving calculations.

In our **English** work we have enjoyed listening to the story "Aliens Love Underpants" by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort. We have been collecting nouns, adjectives and interesting words. We have been thinking about more interesting words that we can use in the place of "said", designed underpants for the aliens and written speech bubbles. We have also begun thinking about speech marks and been looking for speech in our story books.



How you can help...

You can help by hearing your child **read every night** for at least ten minutes. Please support your child with this.

Homework this week:

- **Spellings** – igh/ie/i_e/y words
- **English** – Amazing Alien sheet
- **"Talk Time"** - Please talk to your child about ways to be a good friend.
- **Mathematics** – Reading and using scales
- **Times Tables** – x2, x5 and x10 tables
- **Extra Mile Challenge:** What can you discover about space rockets?



Things to remember

Reading bags: Please remind your child to bring their reading folders into school every day. Thank you.

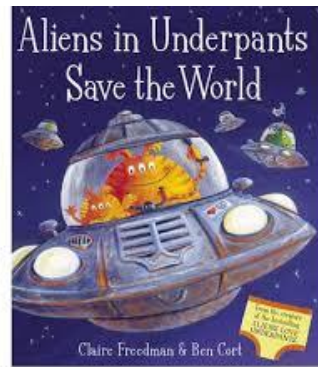
PTA Meeting: Monday 23rd January 2017 at 6pm.

Safer Internet Day: 7th February 2017

Next Week – We are Space Aliens!

In **Mathematics** we will be exploring multiplication, understanding multiplication as repeated addition and solving simple problems using multiplication arrays, materials and our multiplication facts.

In **English** we will be enjoying the story “Aliens in Underpants Save the World”. We will be sequencing story events and retelling the story as well as exploring instructional writing features for making alien headdresses and moon dust for our space themed small world tray.



In our **Topic** work we will be learning more about the space exploration and the discoveries of Neil Armstrong and his fellow astronauts and cosmonauts.

In **Science** we will be exploring forces relating to floating and sinking, and test materials suitable for making model ships for Christopher Columbus. We will also look at the materials used for space exploration vehicles and rockets.

In **DT and Art** activities we will be making 3d aliens and space art and explore in more depth patterns used in Native American art.

In our **RE** work we will be exploring stories from the Bible about friendship and research the different groups of people that Jesus was a friend to.



Congratulations!



Christian Value of Forgiveness – Freyja Tucker
Curriculum Award – Jensen Gregoire-Parker
Star Writer – Davy-Jae Calvert

A big “thumbs up” to our class members who have demonstrated consistent **Outstanding Behaviour** this week!

Harrison, Gomezzy, Lottie, Faith, George K, Evie, Freyja, George G, Lewis and Ryan

Thank you for all your help and support.

Mrs. Ramsay