

# Year 2 Newsletter Autumn One 2023



## Meet the Year 2 Team



Please see to the left the year team for your child. Each year group has an Assistant Headteacher, who along with the class teacher, is there to help and support both children and parents within the year group. Please see details from left to right.

Rachel Barnard - Starling Class Teacher

Danielle Smith - Year 2 Assistant Headteacher & Robin Class Teacher

Steve Walsh - Wren Class Teacher

Anna Dyndul – Sparrow Class Teacher

Yeliz Doldur - Dove Class Teacher

### What will your child be learning about this half term?

In English we will be reading Interstellar Cinderella by Deborah Underwood, Man on the Moon by Simon Bartram, Look Up! by Nathan Byron and a poetry text called My Heart is a Poem. We will be writing for different purposes including poetry, a postcard and narrative story writing. We will be focusing on learning and following grammar rules for using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks as well as understanding nouns and adjectives.

In maths we will be focusing on: reading and writing numbers up to 100, recognising odd and even numbers, comparing and ordering numbers from 0 up to 100, developing an understanding of place value in two-digit numbers as well developing a greater understanding of 2D and 3D shapes.

Our learning journey this half term is 'What is beyond our Earth?' where we will be developing our historical awareness by placing events on a timeline, investigating significant individuals involved in space exploration and describing the historical event of the first moon landing. We will also carry out space related experiments to develop the ability to work scientifically.

In art we will be learning how to use drawing to develop ideas and taking inspiration from Peter Thorpe to create an abstract rocket picture as our final piece.

In music our focus will be on listening with concentration and understanding to a range of recorded music and to experiment with, create, select and combine sounds to make some space related music.

In PE we will be doing dance and fitness.

In Religion and Worldviews we will be learning about Christianity and enquiring about the creation story, 'How can stories help us in our everyday lives?'

## **Key Dates for our Year Group this half term**

This is in addition to the whole school key dates.

| Date   | Event                           |
|--|---------------------------------|
| Tuesday 26th September   | Individual Photographs          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> (Sparrow & Wren), 26 <sup>th</sup> (Robin & Dove) and 27 <sup>th</sup> September (Starling) | Save Make Reinvent<br>Workshops |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> October   | Space Day                       |

#### **Our Recommendations:**

#### **Book Recommendation:**

Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race by Margot Lee Shetterly & Laura Freeman **Website recommendation:** 

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