

## Literacy

**Have you ever been to space?** If not, come aboard for an out-of-this-world adventure this half term! We will be soaring through the cosmos as we explore the incredible lives of space pioneers Mae Jemison and Neil Armstrong. Using these cosmic legends as inspiration, we'll blast off into a galaxy of writing activities.

Our mission will focus on:

- **Using our phonics** to navigate the vast universe of spelling
- **Re-reading our work** to ensure our ideas are clear and make sense, just like a well-planned space mission
- **Understanding the difference** between the language of fiction and non-fiction, exploring how each galaxy shines in its own unique way

We'll also keep up our **Handwriting Sprints** each day to fine-tune our letter formation—our very own countdown to improved handwriting! By the time we launch into Parent Consultations, I wonder how much our handwriting will have blasted off to new heights?

## RaWV

In our RaWV lessons, we will be learning about the Torah and uncovering why it holds such deep meaning for Jewish families. We will use stories, videos and other sources to help us with our learning.

## PE

Excitingly, we'll be sharpening our basic skills with a brand-new sport: curling! Get ready to slide into action as we learn the techniques and strategies of this unique game. We'll also keep building our football skills, focusing on applying everything we mastered last half-term into real game situations.

## PSHE

Our Jigsaw unit, *Healthy Me*, is based on making healthy choices and understanding how they affect our bodies and minds. Plus, we'll learn what to do if we ever feel unwell and uncover the hidden dangers of everyday household items when they're not used properly.

## Science

Get ready for an out-of-this-world adventure this half term in Science! We're blasting off to explore the incredible properties of materials, comparing and grouping them in different ways. Our mission will guide us to the ultimate goal: designing rockets strong enough to help the three little pigs escape the clutches of the big bad wolf once and for all! As we journey through our investigations, we'll face the challenge of choosing the perfect materials to build our spacecraft.



## Space Explorers Year 1 – Spring 2



**Our Power of Reading texts this term are:**  
**'Mae Jamison' (Little People, Big Dreams),**  
**'Neil Armstrong' (Little People, Big Dreams) and**  
**'Whatever Next'**

## Maths

This term we will be revisiting addition and subtraction within 20, then exploring fractions and measuring length and mass.

### **Fractions**

- Identify one half of a shape or object
- Identify one quarter of a shape or object
- Find one half and one quarter of a quantity

### **Measuring length and mass**

- Compare and measure lengths and mass using cm and kg
- Doubling and halving of lengths

## Computing and DT

**In our e-Safety lessons**, we'll be exploring the rules that help keep us safe and healthy both in our homes and beyond, when navigating the vast universe of technology. This half term, we will unite our Computing and DT skills to embark on an exciting mission—designing and building our very own rockets! We'll use technology to **create digital mood boards** and **research powerful ways** to stiffen and strengthen our designs, ensuring our rockets are ready to launch into the unknown. We'll also use our hands-on skills of cutting, shaping, joining, and finishing to craft incredible rockets that are truly out of this world! With careful planning and precision, we'll prepare our designs to soar into the stars!

### **Key Dates:**

- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – Space Workshop
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Let Girls Play 2026
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Silly Science Workshop
- 9<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> – Science Week
- Wk Beg. 9<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fair
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 1A class assembly
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March- Parent Consultations
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – last day of half term
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## History

This half term, we'll be uncovering the incredible lives and achievements of two legendary astronauts, Mae Jemison and Neil Armstrong. Using artefacts, pictures, stories and online resources, we'll dig deep into their extraordinary careers. Get ready to explore the differences and similarities between their journeys, the challenges they overcame, and how they became pioneers of space exploration. It's time to follow in the footsteps of these heroes!

## Music

In Music, we will bring energy and creativity to life! We'll be using our bodies and voices expressively as we explore the world of tempo and rhyme. Together, we will discover the magic of fast and slow beats and learn to perform a song that shows off our rhythmic skills.