

Our Topic

“ONE SMALL STEP” (Earth, moon & space)

This term will have a science focus – the children will blast off to the far-flung corners of the galaxy to find out more about the planets that make up our solar system. They will find fascinating facts about the Sun, Moon and Earth and develop an understanding of day and night, the four seasons and the Moon’s phases. The Sun and the planets making up our Solar System are investigated, along with the other stars in their constellation.

English will be fun and the children have already started to investigate different types of fiction genres enthusiastically! We will be aiming to write exciting science fiction short stories to fit with our termly topic and then the children will be creating information posters to present all their newly gained knowledge about space!

Reading

Reading is vitally important – among other things, it will help your child develop their vocabulary, concentration, spelling and punctuation! Please encourage them to read for a minimum of 20 minutes every day where possible, ideally just before they go to bed. If possible, try to hear them read and ask them about the books they are reading – the characters, settings, interesting words and twists in the plot!

Topic-related activities to do with your child at home

1. Create your own space themed top trumps cards.
2. Find out facts about the space missions – what was the first creature sent into space? Who was the first astronaut? Who was the first man on the moon? What other interesting facts can you find?
3. Bake your own space themed cookies or biscuits.
4. Create a timeline to show the history of space travel.
5. Complete a character study of Neil Armstrong or any other famous astronaut.
6. Write newspaper report about the first moon landing.
7. Use scrap paper, foil, sweet wrappers and other junk-modelling around the house to create your own space collage.
8. Make a space mobile that you could hang in the classroom.
(Submit any files/photos to Google Classroom – any work completed at home will be gratefully and enthusiastically shared in class!)

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Welcome Back!



Contacting Us

As you know, we set up Google Classroom for online learning and it is staying in place for the foreseeable future, as it is a great way to set work for your child if they have to isolate for an extended period. It is also an excellent method of communicating with you and your children.

Please use my Gmail address:

gkeymer@stmichaelspri.co.uk to contact me directly, but do be aware that responses will be based on my working hours and the urgency of your query. For urgent enquiries contact the office and leave a message.

Catching the attention of one of us for a really quick, socially-distanced chat over the wall in the morning at drop-off will still be a great way of passing on those all-important daily messages!

P.E.

Our PE days are still **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** and we would still like the children to wear their PE kits to school on these days, in a further attempt to limit infection. As we head towards winter, please encourage them to wear their school jumpers and tracksuit bottoms over their PE t-shirt and shorts.

Finally, we are still planning to do **the daily mile** which the children can complete at their own pace. We are pleased to inform you that we really believe the children’s fitness levels have improved, having run regularly last term! So please make sure their pair of old trainers stay in school!