

Arthur Bugler Primary School **Parent Information Booklet**



Year 1
Spring Term
2022

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year and what amazing progress the children have made since the beginning of Year 1. The children's writing improves daily and their reading is becoming more fluent. Much of this is down to you the parents, who support your children with reading at home and the weekly phonics based spellings. Please continue to support your child's reading at home and supporting them to identify letters and sounds within their books.

In Literacy, we will start the New Year with our Moon Zoom topic. We will learn about Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing and this will inspire our writing both non fictional and fictional. Towards the end of the half term we will begin to write our own space and alien stories. In the second half term we will explore another amazing topic – Dinosaur Planet. It's always amazing how much children already know about dinosaurs so we will build on their existing knowledge.

In Mathematics we will continue to practise adding and subtracting. We have been using a number line but as the numbers we want to add and subtract get bigger we will progress onto using a hundred square. We will learn more about telling the time, so far having learnt to tell the time to the hour. We will cement our knowledge of this and also of telling the time to the half hour and move onto quarter to and quarter past the hour. Many children are supported with telling the time at home and some can tell the time to five minute intervals!

Moon Zoom

Wow Starter – Alien Spaceship Crash in our Playground

The countdown has begun. Are you ready for blast off? This half term, we'll travel through space to learn about the Solar System. For our 'wow starter' we'll investigate an alien crash site in our very playground, and try to imagine the aliens who have landed. Where could they be? We'll make models of the Solar System and design spaceships, space buggies and space-related toys. Books and photographs will help us to learn about the first lunar landing and the astronauts who venture into space. Floor robots will be programmed to move around an alien landscape, and we will compose space sounds and dances. We'll also explore satellite images, investigate rockets and use ICT to communicate our ideas and present our work. At the end of our project, we'll share our learning in a variety of different ways. We'll read our exciting science-fiction stories aloud, sing space-themed songs and create an exhibition of our space models. It will be out of this world!

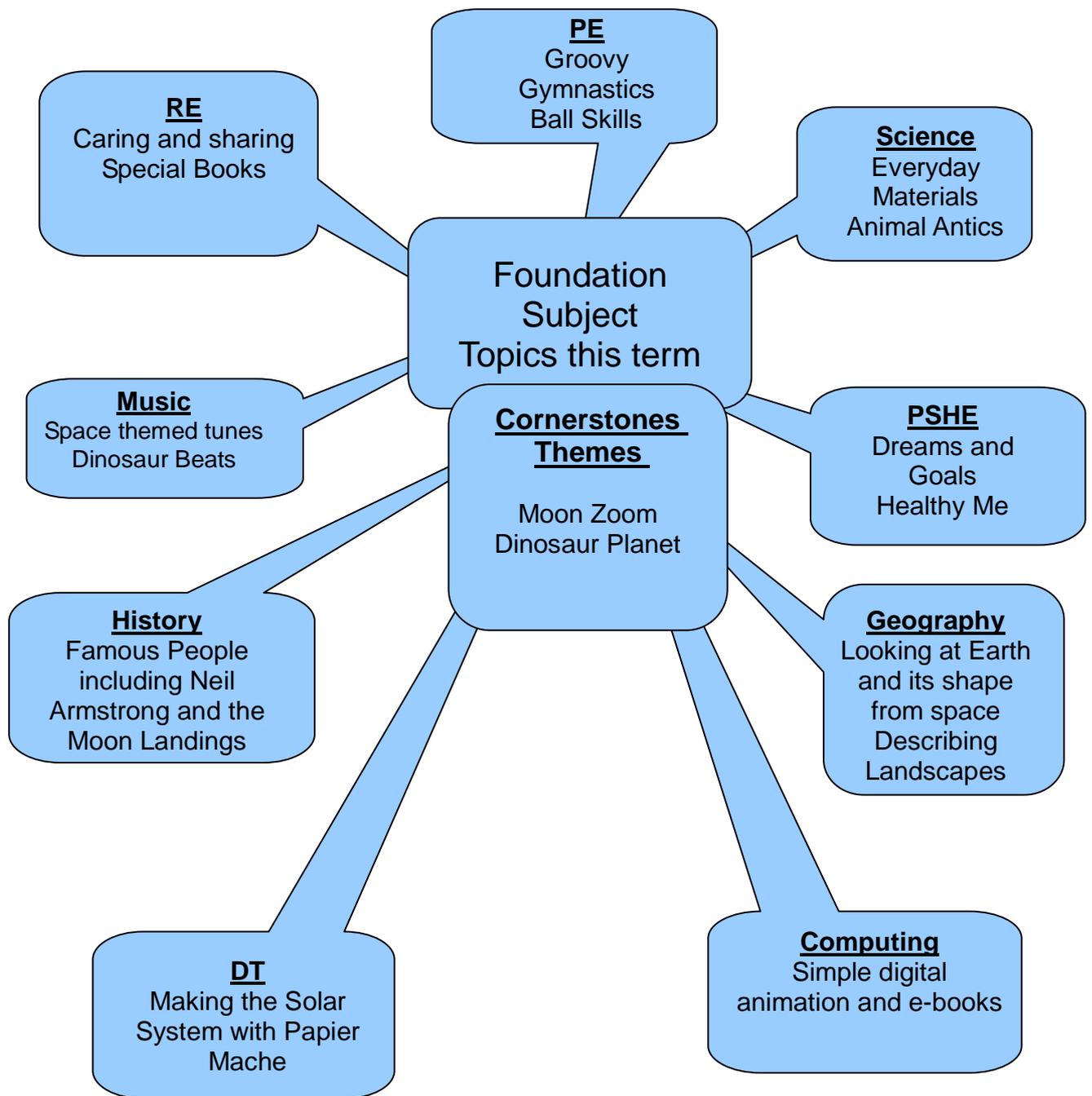
What can you do at home? Investigate and find out about the planets – which one is the closest to the sun and which is the nearest? Where is Earth?

Dinosaur Planet

Wow Starter – Dinosaur

Stomp, crash, roar! Watch out – there are dinosaurs about! Yes, that's right, we're travelling back in time to the age of the dinosaurs. This half term, we'll visit a museum, look closely at ancient fossils and study reptiles to understand how dinosaurs may have lived and eventually died out. We'll learn about the great fossil hunter, Mary Anning, and follow in her footsteps, studying dinosaur teeth and bones to find out what dinosaurs liked to eat. Learning dinosaur names, creating puzzling riddles, writing fantastic fact files and creating exciting dinosaur stories are some of the other activities we'll be involved in this half term. We'll also use our artistic skills to make model dinosaurs and to design dinosaur landscapes. At the end of our project, we'll have a dinosaur party. We'll invent some dinosaur games to play and create our own wonderful dinosaur music.

What can you do at home? Find out as much as you can about the dinosaurs? How long ago did they walk the Earth? Where did they go? Which dinosaur was the most feared? Some were tiny – can you find out which were the smallest?



General Information

Please make sure your child has:

- P.E kit: Shorts, T-shirt and plimsolls for indoor activities and jogging bottoms for winter PE;
- Book bag brought in daily (No rucksacks and no keyrings attached to book bags due to limited space);
- Named water bottle;
- **All uniform named; really important this one**
- No jewellery is to be worn at any time during PE sessions and long hair should be tied back.

P.E days are as follows for Year 1 will be:

- Monday and Wednesday

Both classes will give the following homework:

- Reading- Please log all your child's reads on GoRead App
- Books will be changed once a week. Please record any books your child reads on GoRead– we are really interested in any book they read at home.
- A weekly homework task for spellings will be set on Thursdays – Spellings can be practised on The Spelling Shed.
- Spellings – will be tested on Fridays
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Trips and Wow Starters in Year 1

Spring 1 Term – Wow Starter – Alien Spaceship Crash

Spring 2 Term – Dinosaur Experts will visit our school

Summer 1Term – Colchester Zoo

Date: TBC

Cost: TBC

If you do have any further questions and you wish to speak to us, please do not hesitate to make an appointment through the school office.

With best wishes

Miss Pugh, Mrs McAllister and Mrs Rushen