

Reading

There is strong research evidence showing the positive difference it makes when parents and family members get involved in encouraging reading. Reading is the key to success in all other areas of the curriculum and has been shown to have the greatest impact on children's future achievement. Here are some of the books we'll be reading in school this term:



Children will continue to bring home a number of different books each week:

- Read Write Inc books (phonetically decodable and either the book they're currently reading in class or a previous text to re-read for fluency)
- Read Write Inc Book Bag books
- A book from our Brilliant Story Box of favourites
- A book of their choice from the Choughs Class Library to help nurture a love of reading.

Please help by reading with/to your child daily. Thank you.

Home learning

This half term, your home learning challenge is to create a representation of the solar system. This could be a hanging mobile, a papier-mâché creation, an array of beautifully-iced, spherical cupcakes or a digital presentation.

Years One and Two



Curriculum Overview Autumn 2023

Space: Could humans
live in space?

The Year 1 and 2 topic this term is based upon the question above. As before, although the curriculum outlined here is set out under National Curriculum subject areas, our aim is to try and link subject areas together and teach the children in a cross-curricular way; this makes the learning more meaningful. For example, the children may be doing a piece of writing which relates to their Geography learning or they may be doing some art work which links with Science lessons on living things and their habitats.



PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)

- Being me in my world
- Celebrating difference

English

- Poetry (Firework Night by Andrew Collett)
- Sci Fi narrative (The Way Back Home by Oliver Jeffers)
- Change narrative (The Comet by Joe Todd Stanton)
- Recount (Neil Armstrong)
- Read Write Inc phonics

Maths

- Place value (within 10: Yr 1, within 100: Yr 2)
- Addition and subtraction (within 10: Yr 1, within 100: Yr 2)
- Shape
- Rocket building using 2D and 3D shapes

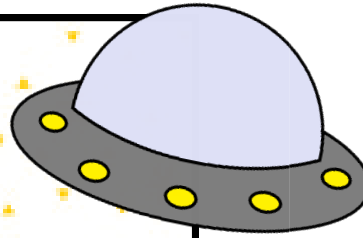
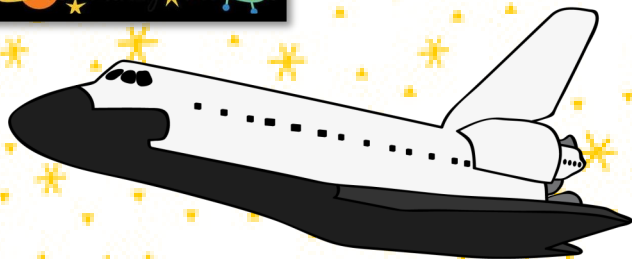
Science

- Seasonal changes during Autumn and Winter
- Everyday materials
- Living things and their habitats (animal adaptations)
- Animals including humans (five senses, staying healthy in space)



Computing

- Technology around us
- Digital painting
- Staying safe online



Humanities (History/Geography)

- History of space travel
- Neil Armstrong
- The Earth from space: continents and oceans
- Maps of alien worlds
- Seasons and weather (including extreme weather)

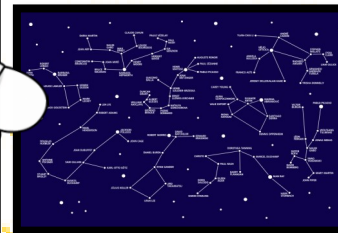


RE (Religious Education)

- Christianity: Why is Christmas important to Christians?
- Islam: Who is Muslim and how do they live?

Art/DT (Design and Technology)

- Van Gogh's Starry Night
- Christmas cards
- Rocket junk modelling
- Space silhouettes
- Designing and building space robots with a mechanism
- Alien tea party cooking



Music

- Singing with John Brolly
- Classroom chants and rhymes
- Sound in space
- Nursery Rhyme Week

PE (Physical Education)

- Multi-skills
- Coordination (floor movement patterns)
- Static balance:
 - One leg standing
 - Seated
- Dynamic balance to agility
- Capoeira

Languages

- Spanish

