



Bolton-le-Sands C of E Primary School

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the spring term edition of the Curriculum Newsletter.
This term, the key concepts that we will focus on are: **Change and Belief**

Our main theme this term is:

Space – The Final Frontier



Our Key Enquiry Question is:
How has our understanding of the Universe changed?

Our **English** work will focus on science fiction writing and information leaflets.

In **science**, we will be learning to:

- Describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.
- Describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth.
- Describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies.
- Use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

We will also be studying the **history** of space exploration, looking at famous astronomers and scientists and how our understanding of space has developed over time.

In **geography** we are looking at the geographical features of the moon and compare this to the earth. We will look at the earth as a globe, the hemispheres, latitudes and longitudes as well as map work.

In **art & design**, we will be looking at abstract art, with particular reference to Kandinsky, and producing art work in the style of Peter Thorpe.

In **computing** we will be using Scratch to create a simple game based in space.

In **DT**, we will learn how to use mechanical cams systems and make a moving space toy.

We will be looking at playing and enjoying sport in **French**, learning the names of different sports and expressing our opinions about them.

In **maths**, the children will be learning about place value and sequences, shape, fractions, four calculations, measurement and statistics.

Our weekly **music** lessons will focus on 'Out of this World' sounds – experimenting with sounds to create special effects.



PE will be on Thursday and Friday; the children will be learning skills in dance, gymnastics, net and wall games, and orienteering. Children must have a named school PE kit (plain shorts, blue t-shirt and pumps) in school everyday. Trainers and tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE are also advised.

In **RE** we will be finding out about Jesus the Teacher and who Jesus was.

Our theme for **PSHE** this term will be 'Keeping Myself Safe' and 'Rights and Responsibilities'

How can I help at home?

Reading books will be changed on a Monday and Thursday. Please spend time each evening reading with your child and return their book along with your comments in their **Reading Record**. Juniors are expected to write their own reading review once they have finished their books.

Spellings will be sent home on a Monday, to be practised at home and tested the following Monday.

Homework will be sent out on Friday via Google Classroom to be completed the following Wednesday. Children will be expected to learn their spellings, read, complete Mathletics tasks and one additional piece of work. Any silver/gold Mathletics certificates can be printed and awarded at school on request.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Martin

