



# Bolton-le-Sands C of E Primary School

## Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to the Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Our topic this term will be 'I wonder what's out there?'  
*space, winter, Chinese New Year, animals and dinosaurs*



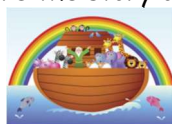
In our **Literacy** work, we will be continuing to learn our sounds in phonics and using our phonic knowledge to write captions and sentences. We will begin learning our next set of tricky words and working in groups to change/write and act out stories.

Our **Mathematics** work will continue following our White Rose Maths scheme, exploring numbers from 0 to 10, investigating 3D shapes and looking at units of measure.

In our **Understanding the World**, work we will be explaining similarities and differences that occur during winter as well as looking at space - exploring and comparing planets and researching the history of Mae Jemison. We will even sample some food that astronauts take to space with them! We will be celebrating the festival of Chinese New Year and learning about cultural differences. After half term, we will look at the similarities and differences between life in hot and cold countries. To do this, we will be comparing animals in hot climates, such as Africa, to animals in the polar regions. We will also be looking at dinosaurs from the past, at the life of Mary Anning and fictional stories with animal characters.

As part of our **Physical Development**, we will be continuing to develop our **fundamental movement skills**. We will be throwing and catching using a variety of throwing objects, and using our bodies to move in different ways such as rolling, jumping, hopping and skipping. Our PE sessions will continue to be on a **Tuesday and Thursday**.

In **RE**, we will be focusing on 'Stories Jesus Heard' such as Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Whale, and the Creation story among others. Our school value this half term is **Compassion** and we will explore the story of Easter.



### Key texts for our topics



**Astro Girl**  
**Whatever Next**  
**We're Going on a Lion Hunt**  
**Lost and Found**  
**The Great Race (Chinese New Year)**  
**The Dinosaur Stomp**  
**And other animal stories**

### How can I help at home?

We are still changing reading books on a Tuesday and Friday.

It is an expectation that you read a bit of your reading book every night. Reading is so important at a young age and supporting the value of reading at home and practising regularly will develop your child's ability and love for reading as they grow up.

Please continue to use the **phonic book** for the new sounds learnt each week. Please reinforce our teaching of pre-cursive writing, have a go in your phonic book or on the online letter join programme.

Later this half term, we will be inviting parents in to be a 'secret reader'. More information to follow.

We will be visiting the library again this term and the children will be taking out books during these visits. Please ensure they are either returned to school or the library before the next visit to allow your child to take out a new one.

The EYFS Team

