



BISHOPSWOOD INFANT SCHOOL

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Year 2 Newsletter – Spring 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you and your family had a relaxing, safe and enjoyable Christmas and are now ready for the Spring Term.

Topic

Our 'Learning Challenge' question this half term is '**Space – Was Neil Armstrong was a Brave Person?**' We have attached a topic outline so that you have an idea about what we will be covering. This plan is not set in stone as we adjust our planning according to the children's interests and learning as we progress through the topic. To begin the children's learning journey, we have had an exciting 'Space day' in school on **Monday 13th January**. Children will have a space themed dress up day and a visit from one of WonderDome's Astronomy presenters.

Homework Grid

As we have started a new topic, we have created a new homework grid for you to use at home (attached). Any homework the children complete this term is optional and can be brought in on Mondays. Children will be given an opportunity to share it with the class during that week. We have included a suggested range of activities that will hopefully appeal to all children and promote interest and engagement. Some are short activities while others may take longer to complete. Alongside this you may have your own topic related ideas.

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Reading

Thank you for your continued help and support with your child's reading. It is so important to hear your child read as much as possible, we really do notice the progress they make with regular reading practice. Your child will bring home a reading book matching their phonics and spelling learning. We ask that this book is read at least three times to build fluency, pace and understanding in their reading. To encourage reading for pleasure the children will also choose an additional library book to be enjoyed and read together. Children will visit the library at the junior school one day every week

It is our expectation that you hear your child read **at least 3 times a week**. **Please record** this in your child's reading record (the 'monkey' books).

PE

We will be having a full afternoon of PE each week on a **Wednesday**. We hope to have one session in the hall and one outside so children will need to have a white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms or leggings and shorts as well as plimsolls or trainers in school. If your child has long hair, it will need to be tied up on these days and earrings will need to be taken out or covered with ear tape. Please either apply the tape before school or provide tape to be kept in the classroom. This half term we have a visiting company teaching us cricketing skills.

Reminders

- Please ensure your children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named so they do not get lost.
- Named water bottles need to be in school and taken home each day to be cleaned and re-filled.

As the cold weather sets in all children need a coat in school each day. Please make sure these are clearly named along with any hats, scarves etc.

Key Date

Monday 13th January – WonderDome Space Day

We hope that you and your children enjoy the term ahead of us. If you have any questions or concerns, please come and speak to your class teacher at the beginning or end of the school day. If you wish to have a longer chat with us, we can arrange a convenient time to talk in more detail.

Thank you for your continued help and support.

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