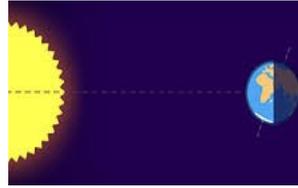


Welcome back after the Easter break

We hope that you and your families had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. Our topic this half term 'Who's afraid of the dark?' will be explored through science investigations and stories in English. In science we will investigate light and dark, look at seasonal changes (including length of day and night) and discover which animals are nocturnal. Our trip to Testwood Lakes will extend this learning through looking at animals in their natural habitats.



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Important Dates

Cricket Coaching (delivered by Hampshire Cricket)

This will begin on Thursday 19th April and continue until half term during PE lessons. Please ensure full PE kits are in school every week.

Phonics Meeting

We would like to invite parents to a **meeting on Tuesday 1st May at 2.45pm, in the Y1 classroom**, during which we will explain the format and purpose of the **Y1 Phonic Screening Check**, which takes place in June.

Testwood Lakes Trip - Friday 18th May

RE— We will be learning about the Hindu god Ganesh—the god of power. This will develop the children's ideas on what it means to have power and how persons of power might and should use their powerful positions towards others.



Y1 Curriculum News **Who's Afraid of the Dark?**

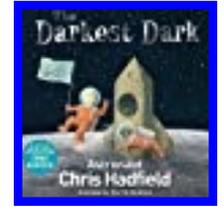
Art

The children will be learning about the artist Vincent Van Gogh, as they consider how he was able to create shades of dark and light using brush strokes and tints of colour.

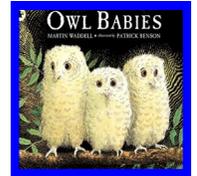


English and Spellings.

In English we will be completing our study of the Moon Landings and using our knowledge to write a newspaper report about the event. We will then use our reporting skills to write an article from the future about Man's initial exploration of Planet Mars.



Later we will be learning to write a narrative, building on descriptive writing skills, using the book 'Owl Babies' as our focus study book.



Our grammar focus continues to be writing in the past tense and using the third person.

In spelling we will be thinking about adding the suffixes 's, es, ing and ed' and the prefix 'un'.

Maths

We will be introducing the children to multiplication through counting in groups of 2, 5 and 10. We will then teach them how to use arrays to help them multiply through repeated addition. We will show the children how to divide by grouping and sharing.

During our fractions unit, the children will learn to recognise a half and a quarter of an object, shape or quantity.

The children will also learn to use the language of position and direction, using this knowledge to compose simple programmes in computing.