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## Early Years Newsletter Spring 1 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday, full of fantastic memories and delicious food! The Early Years Team have been busy planning a fantastic topic to start the New Year. Your children are going to love the adventures we go on over the next half term as we travel through time and space exploring dinosaurs, knights and dragons and life on the moon! During this term the children will look at aspirations, dreams and goals, as we explore our new personal and social topic, with Jigsaw Jenie. We will be learning about making relationships, self-confidence and self-awareness and perseverance.

Below is a breakdown of the questions that we will be asking to support our learning:

<b>Week 1</b>	Where could we go and how might you get there?	The first week allows us to explore our imaginations as we share the story 'Beryl's Box'. The children will use the boxes to decide where they would go if they could travel anywhere at all.
<b>Week 2</b>	How does a rocket work?	As we read 'Whatever Next' we learn about life as an astronaut and what it might be like to be in a space ship. The children will learn about Tim Peake and his work in space.
<b>Week 3</b>	What would you take to the moon?	This week the children will be learning more about our solar system and why we live on the planet Earth and not Mars. They will explore what we would need to take to the moon and why. This week we will also be celebrating 'Maths Fest'. This is for the whole school on the 24th January and will be a fun day promoting the maths curriculum. The children will enjoy games and puzzles linked to Ten Town.
<b>Week 4</b>	Could you survive with the dinosaurs?	We will be learning about life as cave people and how it is different to life now. We will learn all about Omnivores, Herbivores and Carnivores. The children will learn about different dinosaurs and how we find out more about them as they learn about Palaeontology.
<b>Week 5</b>	Can you train a dragon and where have you been?	The children will travel back in time and find out about life in castles and will be finding more information about dragons.

Throughout this topic, we will explore the following KKP'S (Key Knowledge Points):

- To name the first person on the moon
- To name the planets in order from the sun
- To say why a palaeontologist is important
- To name five dinosaurs
- To know the difference between herbivore, carnivore, omnivore.

KKP'S are the elements of the curriculum that children should remember and be able to recall.



In RE this term the children will be learning about why the word God is important to Christians and about God's creation and the world he made.

PE is on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure a full kit is in school for the whole term. This consists of your child's team t-shirt, black shorts and black PE pumps. Please remove any earrings or put plasters on before school. Please make sure everything is labelled!

Just a reminder that your reading book and library books are changed on a Friday morning. Please ensure these are in school with your diaries completed. Please sign the diary every time you read at home. The expectation for Reception is 3 times a week.

We really enjoyed getting to know you all in the Autumn term and have valued the relationships we have built with you. Let's keep this going! Please do contact us at any time if there is something you wish to discuss.

The Early Years Team

