JELLYFISH JOURNAL

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Topic Work - Blast Off!

To begin the half term we will continue our exciting topic **Blast Off!** We will spend time designing and making space rockets, thinking about what materials can be used and the best way to build them by joining materials.



Topic Work - Material World



We will be looking at everyday objects and the materials used to make them. We will spend time identifying and naming materials, sorting and grouping them depending on their properties. Through investigation we will identify why materials are used for different objects and suggest the best materials to use when designing an umbrella or a raincoat.

Topic Work - Spring Forward

Soon we will be looking at what seasonal changes we see outside and what we should expect to see during Spring time. Through investigation we will explore the environment finding out about different plants and how they change over time, making comparisons to other seasons throughout the year. For example, new buds appearing.



Numeracy

Arithmetic

We will be counting, reading and writing with one and two digit numbers investigating place value using tens and units

We will be doing repeated addition using different methods and begin to complete multiplication maths stories using practical methods.

<u>Geometry</u>

We will be carrying out investigations into 3d shapes to continue to find out about their properties.

We will also be using directional language and making full, half and quarter turns.

Measure

We will be comparing, describing and solving practical problems involving mass/weight and also money and its values.



PE and Swimming

This half-term we have a PE specialist in school doing tri-golf with children. This will happen on a Monday afternoon. Children should have a full P.E kit in school at all times, including footwear for outside.

Earrings must be taken out for PE and swimming lessons.



Literacy

Our Read, Write Inc groups will continue every morning, where we will continue to learn new phonics and will read and write with these.

Please use your phonic packs at home as regularly as possible to support your child to become confident at recognising their sounds.

Regular reading at home is very important, children are becoming very responsible at changing their books regularly once it has been read and signed and are enjoying talking about the books they are choosing.

We will be discussing in school the children's favourite stories and comparing these to others, looking closely at similarities and differences of setting and characters.



Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday and should be handed in on a Wednesday. Keep up the standard of homework, children love sharing some of their work with the rest of the class. Mathletics activities will continue to be set but have a go at other activities on there for more points.