

# Nursteed Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Jupiter Class Learning Spring 2025**

The children have made a wonderful start to the new year and we have lots of inspiring learning ahead of us this Spring term.

Mrs Pretlove will be teaching the class on Mondays and Mrs Hugo teaches on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please feel free to message either of us on our respective days if you have anything to let us know. Mrs Bogert is our teaching assistant every morning, as well as on Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record in their bag each day as we aim to read independently as frequently as possible.

### **Curriculum**

Our reading lessons this term are based around the book 'Where the Mountain meets the Moon' by Grace Lin and 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce . We will be analysing these texts using our skills of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation and retrieval.

In writing, the children will be focusing on a range of writing styles and purposes. The first outcome will be to write a cliffhanger narrative through the eyes of the famous detective Dr Watson based on 'The Hound of the Baskervilles' by Arthur Conan. This will be followed by a formal report. Later in the Spring, children will write a character narrative and letter based upon the book 'The Promise' by Nicola Davis.

In maths, we will be focusing on multiplication, division and fractions along with reasoning problems. The children will also continue doing daily times tables practice.

Our first science unit this term is the topic of 'Forces'. Children will be learning about the forces of gravity, air and water resistance, friction and to recognise the effects of mechanisms such as levers and pulleys have on force. We will then move on to learning

all about earth and space in terms of the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system.

Please head to the Curriculum Overview document on the Jupiter class page to see an overview of the other subjects and topics children will be learning over the year.

## **PE**

Our PE days this term will be on a Tuesday and Thursday. Sometimes we may go outside if the weather allows, so please ensure they have appropriate clothing for cooler weather. Please also ensure that children have a named PE kit at school at all times. Our units this term are dance and football.

## **Homework**

Homework will be due each Monday. This will be to complete one page of spellings per week and to read 4 times at home. It would also be beneficial for children to practice their times tables.

Finally we are looking forward to our year 5 residential trip to Grittleton on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April returning Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Please look out for further information coming soon.

We hope the children will have a lovely Spring term in Year 5. Please do let us know if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Hugo