



Last term, we enjoyed... Welcome back and Happy New Year! There were so many highlights last term. In English, Indigo Class absolutely loved Harry Potter. One of their favourite parts was designing and creating their very own mythical creature and adding it to their own version of the story. We enjoyed learning new skills in maths, including all functions with fractions. In science, the children learnt about changing materials and carried out wow investigations into dissolving, evaporating and irreversible change which was so much fun. Our history lessons were all about World War One. Art was one of our favourite lessons- discovering the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and painting portraits. Learning about global trade in geography was very eye opening and being able to go swimming every week was a particular favourite of Indigo Class. The highlight of the half term however was going on a school trip to Leighton hall and having the opportunity to cook cinnamon apples on a fire. Finally, our Christmas performance, which we worked so hard on, was a fantastic end to a wonderful term. Well done Indigo Class.

This term, we are looking forward to... We have a very exciting term coming up! In Maths, we are learning about multiplication and division and in English, science fiction texts. In Indigo Class, we love science and can't wait to find out about space and the solar system this half term. One of our other favourite subjects is art and we are looking forward to learning about space art through the artist Peter Thorpe. After half-term, we are excited to learn all about the ancient Greeks, including Greek myths in English and Greek history (the children are keen to find out about Greek Gods). Also in Spring 2, we will be learning about gravity and forces and carrying out a range of investigations on this topic. We will also be building and creating our own marble runs linking to our learning in science, which will be amazing! As always, we are looking forward to PE to include gymnastics and more swimming this half term. Please see key dates for enrichment activities with a glider STEM workshop, Stargazing and bikeability all coming in Spring.

Key Vocabulary

Here is some key vocabulary that we will be using throughout the half term:

- Solar system
- Names of the planets
- Rotates
- Orbit
- Mono print and overprint
- Layering
- Democracy
- Athens
- Sparta
- Gravity
- Force
- Structure
- Reinforce

If you wish, you could use these websites to complete quizzes and reinforce knowledge in Science:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbbkqth>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgwxfg8/articles/z6w8jvh>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbbkqt/articles/z3b3ydm>

Important days and dates

- PE is on a Monday am and swimming on a Friday pm. Please ensure you are in active uniform at all times
- Mrs Noakes teaches Indigo Class on a Tuesday pm
- Stargazing evening Wednesday 28th January
- Glider workshop Wednesday 21st January
- Bikeability- 23rd- 26th February

Homework: In Indigo Class the expectation is:

- 3x reading per week
- Complete both sides of spellings over the week (little and often is best)
- 3x Times Table Rockstars
- 3x Bug Club

This is to support your child's learning and understanding in class and to practise skills, as well to prepare them for high school. Please remind your child to record everything they do in their communication books. This is important as we check through them and recognition to those who complete everything.