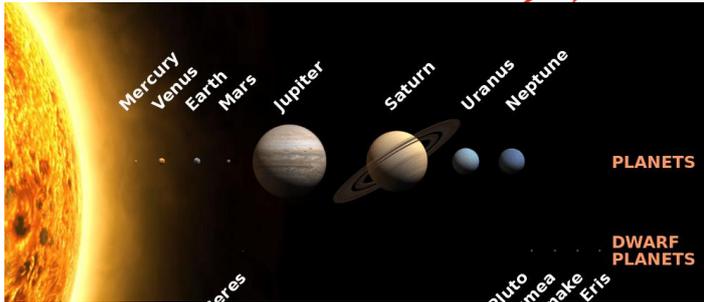
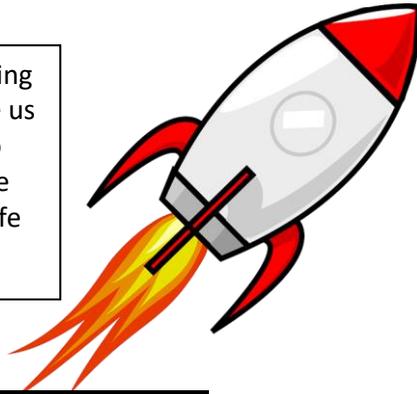


# To Infinity and Beyond

With this exciting topic, we will be finding out about what is up in the skies above us and discovering how man has begun to impact on the solar system. We will be considering the big question; is there life somewhere in space?



## English and Topic

We have so many lovely books to explore together this term, which will inspire our writing opportunities. This term we are concentrating on writing with more accuracy, using accurate spelling and punctuation and choosing vocabulary for effect. Some of the children will be ready to begin to join letters together to commence joined handwriting.

In our grammar lessons we will be consolidating our knowledge of conjunctions and joining ideas with “when”, “if”, “that” and “because”. The children will continue to learn more word classes, becoming confident in recognising nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs.

## Maths

The children are now confidently adding and subtracting two 2 digit numbers, but will now be learning how to exchange where necessary. This will all be learned through the use of manipulatives and models and the children will not learn formal written methods in Year 2.

With the children’s wonderful knowledge of times tables, we will be putting this into calculations an expanding their understanding of multiplication and division.

We move on to consolidate our understanding of shape, money, length and height and mass and capacity.

## PE

PE this term will be on Mondays and Wednesdays with Coach Tom. Please ensure your child comes into school in PE kit for these days.

## RE

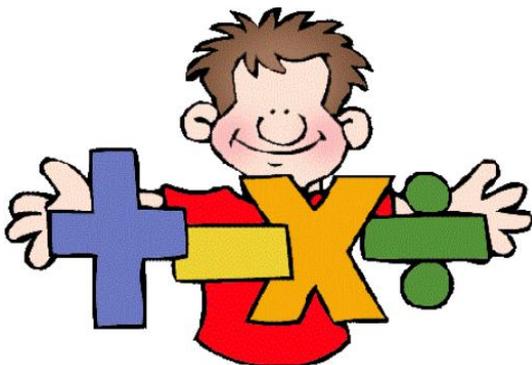
The RE curriculum begins with Gospels and the question, “What is the Good News that Jesus brings?” Using the Bible as a basis for our learning, we will be exploring why Christians think of God as a father figure, why they pray and what they pray for. In Term 4 the focus is Salvation and we will be digging deeper into the question that was covered in Year 1, “Why des Easter matter to Christians?”

## Science

Our topic this term is living things and their habitats. We will be learning about what a habitat is and how plants and animals impact on one another as we find out about food chains. Term 4 we will continue focus on habitats and find out how habitats around the world are different.

## Spelling

We will continue to use the Spelling Frame website for spellings. Please encourage your child to use the games in order to practise their weekly spellings and to ensure that they know how to spell all of the Year 1 and 2 high frequency words. Spelling tests will continue to be on a Friday.



**Spellingframe**

**ART and DT**

We have many exciting art projects in store this term; using the topic as our stimulus, we will be exploring the work of conceptual artist Katie Peterson and the space art of Peter Thorpe. In DT, we will be creating various rockets and seeing how far they can travel and attempting to recreate the planets from papier mache.

**Music**

Our music for this term is based around the song "I Wanna Play in a Band" and in Term 4 "Zootime". We will be using tuned and untuned percussion to support our performances and will be thinking about how we can use some kind of notation to record what we are playing. The children will begin to learn how to play the ocarina in Term 4.

**History**

Our history learning for the next couple of terms will focus on the progress of man in conquering the cosmos. Beginning with Laika, the first dog in space, we will find out about the first manned rocket launch and the moon landing.

Finding out about life in space will take us into Term 4 as we find out about the Mars Rover and information that has been discovered as a result of this technology and the International Space Station and how humans are able to live in space.

**Computing**

We will be using technology to make music this term and in Term 4 finding out about algorithms, taking our first steps to programming.

Should you have any questions about your child's learning, then do come in and see us. Use Class Dojo or email me at:

[jpaskhin@stmcep.school](mailto:jpaskhin@stmcep.school)

For the first 4 weeks of term, Mrs Paskhin will be reverting back to teaching Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Stanford will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. We will be joined this term by the lovely Mrs Shirley.

Mrs Hughes will be joining Year 2 at the end of January, when Mrs Paskhin will be back to teaching on Thursdays and Fridays.

