



# Donaldson Class

Spring 2 2023 Newsletter



## Upcoming Events

- Thu 23 Feb - Farmer Carl
  - Mon 27 Feb - Usborne Book Fair
  - Thu 2 Mar - World Book Day
  - Fri 3 Mar - Open Classrooms
  - Tue 7 Mar - Parents Evening 1
  - Thu 9 Mar - Parents Evening 2
  - 13-17 Mar - British Science Week
  - Fri 24 Mar - FOKF Curry/Quiz
  - Wed 29 Mar - Easter Worship
- @ church

## Reminders

We are looking for:

- a very large cardboard box to make a rocket!
- small blue and green bottle lids (smaller than milk bottle lids)
- Old keyboards/ laptops (not working) for our space station.
- Socks, tights and plain underwear for our spares box.

Your child can dress as a character from their favourite book for World Book Day if they would like to.

## What we are learning

This half term our topic is 'How far away is the moon?'

We are going to space! Our role play area has been transformed into a space station and the children will explore the galaxy as astronauts!

Our focus texts are:



In Literacy we are learning to build on writing individual words to phrases and even simple sentences. We are building up the children's confidence in writing independently by saying words and sounding them out. You can encourage this by sounding out words and phrases and practising writing at home!

## Our Values this half term are

Respect & Perseverance

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

- Christopher Robin, Winnie the Pooh

## PE Kits Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on **TUESDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements (no wording or branding other than the school badge).

## Reading Books

Your child is bringing home books in line with their latest phonics assessment. This is your child's homework, so please aim to read at home at least 3 times per week. We are focusing on identifying digraphs (eg. 'ee') in the middle a word.

## Phonics



We are now reviewing our Phase 3 sounds:

ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air er

We are learning to read words with double letters, longer words, words with two or more digraphs, words ending in -ing and compound words

Please continue to support your children with reading at home at least 3 times per week and ideally daily.

## Maths



In Maths, we are focusing on the numbers 9 and 10. We will be counting, building, comparing and learning our number bonds. We will also be learning our 3D shapes, spatial awareness and patterns.

You can support your child's maths learning at home using Numbots. If you do not have your child's log in please email [admin@kf.starmat.uk](mailto:admin@kf.starmat.uk)

Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16  
From Mrs. Skelton, Mrs. Young and Mrs Darnton