

Hi there Year 2!

How's things? Hope you and your families are all well. Once again, thank you so much to those of you who have emailed us, we really love hearing from you and seeing the photographs you send – they do make us smile! We hope you are enjoying the space themed work as we will continue our journey through space for week 6.

Well, the sunny weather is certainly helping during these strange times isn't it? Getting out for a little walk in the sunshine certainly lifts the spirits. The flowers and trees are all looking so pretty. Hopefully you are managing to get outside for some lovely fresh air.

We will be emailing your grown-ups some targets to help with your learning, alongside this normal weekly plan. They are some extra areas that you can work on whilst doing your weekly work over the next few weeks.

As ever, we miss you all soooooooooo much and can't wait to see you all again. Keep smiling lovelies and keep working and playing hard. Take care.

Happy-sunny wishes from,

Mrs Scott-Simons, Mrs Wilson, Miss Wright and the rest of our awesome Year 2 team. xx

P.S. Please remember, it doesn't matter how much your child does, it's keeping an interest in learning that's important (in any area) and anything is better than nothing! So as ever, there is no pressure from us to do everything on this plan, it's there for you to pick and choose as you wish!

WEEK 6

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Space science challenge: This week we would like you to learn a bit about the solar system. This video explains all about the solar system and the different planets. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASQkz4XaphU> .

After watching the video, we would like you to draw a picture of each of the planets and cut them out, placing them in order of distance to the sun (starting from the closest) As a challenge, see if you can find out how far from the sun each planet is. You can then learn the order of the planets using one/some of these very helpful songs! (Sorry parents!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHAqT4hXnMw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQnlgH97v94>

You can also try to make a Fizzy Bottle Rocket

<https://www.rigb.org/families/experimental/fizzy-bottle-rockets>

History:

Last week you learnt about the amazing first walk on the moon by Neil Armstrong, well this week's history is all about Helen Sharman - the first Briton in space. Yes, she got up there quite a long time before Tim Peake did. Watch the short video and see her actually in space!

<https://spacecentre.co.uk/blog-post/helen-sharman-britains-first-astronaut/>

Once you have watched this, have a go at one of the reading comprehension activities (should be attached to this email!) and answer the questions.

NOTE TO GROWN-UPS: The level of difficulty is represented by stars, so the children can choose from the easiest *, medium ** or *** hardest to read.

Art: Have a go at creating a space themed picture in the style of artist Peter Thorpe - he painted an abstract art background and then put a space feature in the foreground. He used paint, but you can use anything you have available to you. Peter started Rocket Painting in the 1980's by using left over paint that would have normally been thrown away, to create his abstract backgrounds. Not surprisingly, he has a life-long love of space exploration!

Here are some examples of his Peter's work:



Powered Orbit



Mars Landing



Standing Ready



Rocket #25



Rocket Race



Rocket #35



Rocket #17



Rocket #51

DT: DIY Astronauts glove box. If you have a spare empty cardboard box have a go at making a glove box. Learn what it is like to be an astronaut and remember to send us photos.

<https://www.startwithabook.org/sites/default/files/astronaut-glove-box.pdf>

You could also try the Moon phases in Oreos activity!



<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/oreo-moon/en/>

Maths: Fractions using White Rose (online)

We would like you to continue your work on fractions. Visit the website once again (see the link below) and like before, each lesson has a short video that you can watch, then click on to 'Get the Activity' where you will have some questions to answer. Most of the questions can be answered neatly in the books we gave you in your home learning packs. Don't forget to date and number your work! There are 5 lessons each week, so you can do 1 lesson a day!

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-2/>

CLICK WEEK 2 IN THE LIST: 1st lesson is recognising thirds (*Not Summer 1 yet!*)

English



Houston, we have landed!

Gazing around in a state of awe and wonder, the astronaut stood and admired what he saw. Outer space was a thing of pure beauty: a never-ending chasm of blackness, illuminated by stars that sparkled like beautiful diamonds.

He took a few steps forward, smiling at the joy of the feeling of weightlessness that never ceased to amaze him. Happy that his oxygen levels were high and his friends were close by, the astronaut set about his mission.

All seemed to be going well until...

Your task is to continue the story. What happened? What was the problem? Did something break or glitch? Will they be ok? It's your story, so you decide. We can't wait to read what happens next.

NOTE TO GROWN-UPS: there are a few tricky words in the text, which your children may need a dictionary for. They do however, love an interesting wow word!

Bug Club: Remember to visit Bug club where you will find lots of books to read and questions to answer. There are also spelling, punctuation and grammar activities to try.

PE: Give Cosmic Yoga a try this week. Look under Kids youtube: Cosmic Yoga Space Adventure, Space Triple, Mike and Mutnik on the Moon or Mike the Cosmic space monkey. You could also look at the Cosmic Kids Zen Den for mindfulness and relaxation.



Enjoy your journey to outer space and remember to stay safe!