

# Up, Up & Away!

Forthcoming dates for your diary

- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January:** KS1 theatre trip to see 'The Snowman'.
- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Puppet making workshop for Year 2 parents at 1.20pm.
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March:** Performance of 'Up, Up & Away' for KS1 parents at 9.20am



## Spring Term 2016 First Half

We hope that this overview of this half term's topics will provide you with ideas of how to help your child with their learning.

If you have any questions, please pop in to see one of us!

This half term our main topic will be:  
**'Up, Up & Away!'**

In **Literacy** we will:

- Non-fiction space and flight.
- Fantasy settings in space.
- A selection of texts by Mini Grey.

**You can help at home by:**

- Daily reading and discussion about characters, events and sequence of stories.
- Visiting the library to look for different stories set in space and non-fiction books about flight and space.
- Talk to your child about the differences between story and information books.
- Perhaps you might like to visit Mini Grey's website to find out about the author. <http://minigrey.com/>

In **Science** we will:

- Look at seasonal weather patterns.
- Learn about the basic needs of humans and animals.
- Learn about the importance of diet, exercise and hygiene.

In **History** we will:

- Look at the history of flight and space travel.
- Learn about Neil Armstrong as a significant person from the past.

In **Geography** we will:

- Look the continents and oceans of the world.
- Use Google maps and satellite images.
- Locate the poles and equator and study features of hot and cold places.
- Study the countries of the United Kingdom

In **Computing** we will:

- Explore algorithms by programming digital devices as well as developing logical reasoning.
- We will continue to work on internet safety.

Please access RM unify 'Think-You Know...' CEOP to support your child to keep safe on the internet.

**In Maths** the children will continue to work on number, calculations, shape, money and measures.

Thank you for continuing to support your child with telling the time on an analogue clock.

Our focus this term is on instant recall of addition and subtraction facts up to 20. Please find enclosed the resources to effectively practise this at home with your child. We will be giving the children regular opportunities to demonstrate their increasing confidence and speed of recall.

Through RM unify the children can access their own independent maths activities using **RM Easimaths**. They can use their own log in to access this.

### **New Homework**

This term we will be focusing on spelling and sentence construction. Please see guidance in homework books.