



YEAR 2 – GALAXY CLASS

YEAR 3 – HAWKING CLASS

YEAR 4 – NEWTON CLASS & EINSTEIN CLASS

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STAR OF THE WEEK	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December		Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January		Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	
Galaxy		Danny	N/A	N/A	Kamal	Ayen
Hawking	Beddisha	Isabella	N/A	N/A	Adriel	Karter
Newton	Raemario	Amelie	N/A	N/A	Faith	Ezra

Attendance Matters Every student. Every day.	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December		Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January		Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	
Galaxy	A: 96.8%	P: 87.7%	A: 96.8%	P: 90%	A: 98.7%	P: 94.7%
Hawking	A: 83%	P: 73.3%	A: 96.1	P: 76.7	A: 95.7%	P: 86.7%
Newton	A: 88.8%	P: 98.8%	A: 96.4%	P: 96.4%	A: 96%	P: 99.6%
Einstein	A:					

#### Home learning debate and discussion



**Year 2** - 'Electricity is the best scientific discovery ever made'. Do you agree? Explain your answer to your adult at home.

**Year 3** - Do all light sources produce heat? Investigate (with an adult) and record your findings.

**Year 4** - Victorian schools were very different from schools today. What rights and responsibilities do school children in the UK have now that they didn't have then?

#### Phase Notices & Reminders

##### Year 2

Welcome to Spring 1. PE this term has changed, it is now every **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Children should be wearing the PE kit on those days. Outdoor Adventures is still every **Wednesday** afternoon. Please dress for the weather.




### Year 3

Happy Spring term!

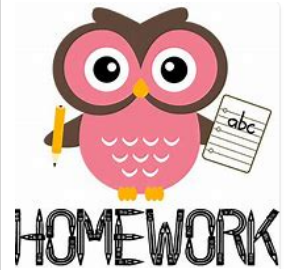
Outdoor Adventures remains on Mondays but we will now be every other week. This is so we can cover our Humanities curriculum and have the right number of adults.

Please sign up ASAP using the link below.

 Copy of Sign up sheet for Outdoor adventures - Spring term

*Drumming and dance sessions* take place on Wednesdays and *PE sessions* are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

AR and homework - will be given out every Friday and returned the following Friday. Spellings will be added to the children's homework books.



### Year 4

Please remember that *Outdoor Adventures sessions* have now moved to Thursdays and the dates for this half term have been emailed out to parents. *Drumming and dance sessions* take place on Wednesdays and *PE sessions* are on Mondays. Logins for *Times Table Rock Stars* have been sent home. This is a great resource to support children in preparing for the Year 4 Multiplication Check later this year. Spellings will be added to Purple Mash, please make sure these are completed weekly.



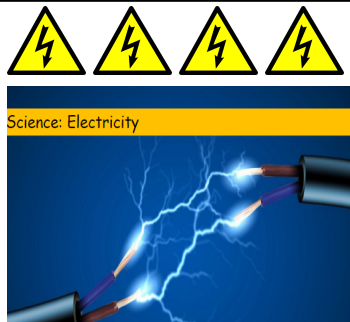
## Curriculum updates

### Year 2

This term sees Galaxy class going back in time. Last week we in History looked at various inventions over time. We made comparisons between the 35mm camera and the latest digital camera. We discussed how electronics have advanced and is it really beneficial to us. We discussed how to order significant events on a timeline. We put the events into chronological order. We also discussed how each invention built upon the last. Some of us even decided what dates should go at the start and at the end of our timeline!

Science has been electrifying so far. Discovering how electricity is used to power our world has been really interesting. We discussed how the world would be without power and if the lightbulb was not invented, then how many candles would we need! Children will be designing their own posters to raise awareness about the dangers of electricity.

In RE we have begun learning about Hinduism. We learnt that their main scripture is called The Vedas. We also made comparisons to other faiths, such as 'what was the same' and 'what was different'. In the coming weeks we will be finding out about Brahman and the Trimurti.



### Year 3

Hawking class has started the term learning about Ancient Greece.

We have been reading Greek myths in English and writing our own task for Heracles to complete - was he successful I wonder...? This week we will be reading Pandora's Box and writing a character description.

In Humanities we have been travelling back in time and looking at Greece during the times of the Spartans. As we continue to unpick our new topic, we will be learning about famous philosophers, Greek Gods and the five most powerful cities and the impact they had on the country during that time.

Let's step into the LIGHT!

We have started our new science topic, Light. We first identified what we already know about light and what we would like to know. The children came up with lots of interesting ideas and questions. We then sorted light sources into natural and artificial, and found out light can be sourced and powered in different ways.

We are looking forward to experimenting with shadows and also investigating whether light travels in straight lines or not. Wish us luck!



### Year 4

Year 4 have had a busy start to the spring term. Last week we enjoyed a visit to the *Houses of Parliament* and learned more about voting and democracy. This is linked to our *fundamental British values* and also relates to units we have covered in PSHE. We had a tour of parliament where we learnt some interesting facts including the *House of Commons is Green* and the *House of Lords is red*. We even got to sit in the gallery and view a live debate! After the tour, we enjoyed an interactive session teaching us all about how voting works in the UK.

In history, we have begun learning about the Victorians. During our first lesson we made a timeline so we could place the Victorian era amongst other periods we have studied in history. We are learning what Victorian schools were like and our linked text for our English lessons is *Street Child*.

During our maths lessons, we have continued our focus on multiplication and division and are now practising formal written methods and solving multiplication and division word problems.

Our focus for RE this half term is Buddhism. During our first lesson, we recapped the story of Buddha's life as he journeyed towards enlightenment. We wrote diary entries from Buhha's perspective.

