Lions Class
Curriculum Overview
Term 2: **Explorers!**

Nurture the Spirit – Grow the Mind – Love your Neighbour

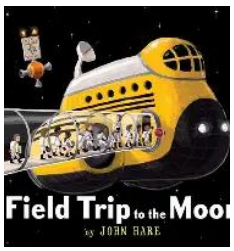
This term, our exciting topic is Explorers! We will be discovering what it means to be an explorer and learning about some famous explorers who have made incredible journeys. We will have a special focus on those who explored space, including the brave astronauts involved in the Moon Landing. Through our history learning, we will investigate what happened during this remarkable event and why it is still remembered today. The children will also step into the shoes of astronauts and scientists, imagining what it would be like to spend a day at NASA and explore the wonders of space!

English

In English, we will be exploring a range of exciting texts, including *Field Trip to the Moon*, *The Way Back Home* and *The Sea of Tranquility*, to inspire our writing. The children will imagine what it would be like to land on the moon and create their own vivid setting descriptions, using rich vocabulary, descriptive language and carefully chosen details to bring their ideas to life. We will develop our sentence writing, punctuation and editing skills throughout the term. To finish the term, Lions will write a letter to Father Christmas, applying all the important features and skills needed for successful letter writing.

This term's value is:





Maths

In Maths, Lions will continue their learning on addition and subtraction, developing strategies and methods to help them solve calculations confidently. We will use concrete resources and manipulatives to deepen understanding before moving on to written methods. We will build our knowledge of place value, using place value charts and partitioning to understand how numbers are made. Later in the term, we will apply these skills as we move on to exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.

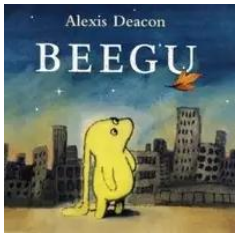
In Science, the children will explore <u>everyday materials</u> and learn to identify and name a variety of materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water and rock. Lions will investigate the properties of different materials and discover why certain objects are made from particular materials. This will be closely linked to our Space learning, too!

In History, the children will learn about the Moon Landing of 1969 and discover why it was such an important event. They will find out about the astronauts, including Neil Armstrong, explore the Space Race, and learn how the Moon Landing changed our understanding of space. We will be exploring this further during our exciting Space School Day!

This term, Lions have **PE** on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Tuesday's sessions will be focused on Netball, and Thursday will look at Gymnastic skills which will be taught by our coach Mr Mende.

In Art, the children will learn about the artist Peter Thorpe and his colourful space paintings. They will use oil pastels, paint and other materials to create their own space artwork. The children will explore colour, shape and texture while developing their creativity and artistic skills.

In RE, we will learn about Incarnation and the Christmas story. They will find out why Christians believe Jesus is God's Son and why his birth is special. Through stories, and activities, the children will explore the meaning of Christmas and share their own ideas and experiences. Our understanding will be deepened through the Nativity!



How can you help at home?

- To read their colour-banded book and phonics book.
- To practise counting: starting with **forwards and backwards from 10,** and moving on to 2, 5 and 10 x table when ready.
- To look out for opportunities for mathematical learning in everyday life.
- Discuss other explorers we might be familiar with.

