



Gaskell Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 10th December 2021

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Weekly news...



What another fantastic week of learning [@GaskellPrimary](#).

Take a look at our new fantastic video '[I Love Gaskell](#)'. Thank you to Mr Simpson for working with our fabulous children and putting it together for us.



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On Monday, we decorated the School Christmas Tree. Each Class made a decoration and we sang Christmas songs, while we hung our decorations. Even Santa paid us a visit...



Some of our talented Year 6 Scientists have decided to write a Science Newsletter. This will focus on current issues that are in the news. Please read this week's edition...

Mars: Our new home?



The Earth is our home and it has been this way to humans for over 200,000 years. But this may all be about to change. Earth is everything to us, everything we own and do is on Earth. But when you compare it to the universe, we are merely a speck of dust in a vast space above. This therefore poses a question: can our species colonize another planet? A planet similar to ours? Mars?

People like Elon Musk are trying just this because they feel our species needs to be a multi-planet species when ensuring the sustainability of our kind. He argues that without such action, our planet is in danger of being wiped out by disasters such as global warming or a nuclear apocalypse. But why Mars? Scientists believe that Mars is best place for us to go for a number of reasons: First, there have been reports, in recent years, that Mars contains water (the main ingredient for life to survive). With water, poles can form on Mars similar to that on Earth. It is believed that if this is to happen, then Mars may start forming an atmosphere similar to ours. As well as this, Mars is believed to once have a similar climate to Earth – another victim to global warming.

Other similarities show that Mars has a similar year to us (24 hours 37 mins) and similar seasons. Sounds great right?

Colonizing Mars does however pose some problems. The main problems regard the lack of Oxygen on the planet. Not only does this cause breathing issues, but also stops the possibility of growing plants and keeping livestock. Furthermore, Marsan soil is toxic making agriculture near on impossible! Other issues arise when you consider the temperature on Mars that averages at -80! Rather chilly! Speaking of chilly, Mars is much further away from the Sun than Earth. This means that generating energy on Mars is difficult, you would need ten times the number of solar panels that you would need to produce the amount of energy generated on Earth. Finally, to actually get to Mars is also a challenge. The journey usually takes 333 days however there is a small launch window that can get you there 128. This is due to position of the planet in relation to the Sun and Earth.

Currently, colonizing Mars seems near on impossible. However, with a rapid boost in technology, and the determination of people like Musk, who knows, maybe we will be breathing Marsan air earlier than we first thought? Thanks for reading!

Thanks for reading!

Written by: Mustafa, Mohamed and Inam (6F)

*Make sure your **child is in school everyday** to be in with a chance of winning this half term's reward. As a school we want every child to be in school everyday. **If your child misses just one day, it can have a huge impact on their learning.** Take a look at the **attendance ladder** below. we have now launched our new attendance reward! Please continue reading to find out more...*



***Homework** is now set on **SEESAW** for KS1 and KS2 children. Please ask your child's teacher for the code if you are not already signed up. Reception classes can access their homework through **Purple Mash** and **Tapestry**.*

*We hope you all have a good weekend and look forward to seeing you all on **Monday at 8:45AM**.*

Miss Barlow

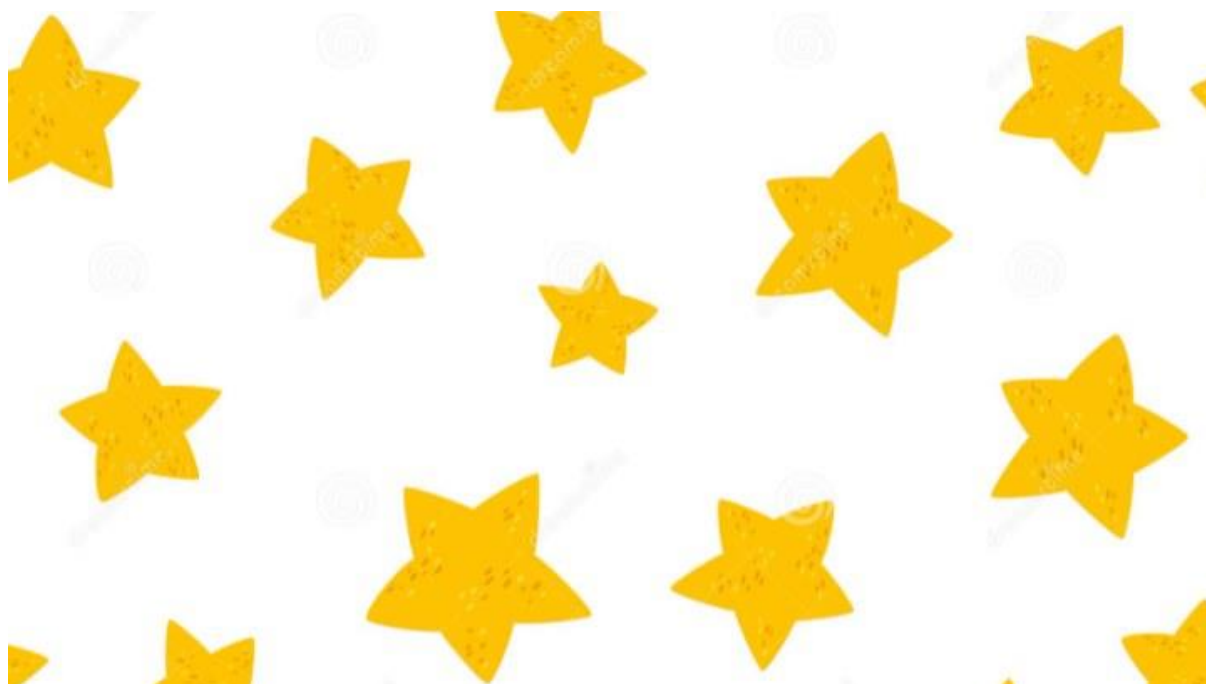
*This week's House Point winners are **DALI**! Well done to them.*



Please continue reading to find out more about:

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Stars of the Week



★ This Week's Stars ★			
Teacher	Winner	Teacher	Winner
Mrs Holland (AM)	Hafeez	Miss Valli	Sam
Mrs Holland (PM)	Essa	Miss Varey	Mishal
Mrs Blakemore	Khadija	Mr Hawke	Aoun
Mrs Bertenshaw	Jordan	Miss Latham	Yousuf
Mrs Sewell	Sham	Mr Naylor	Jan
Miss Mercer	Luke	Miss Young	Amelia
Miss Langton	Blossom	Miss Percival	Abdimalik
Miss Hughes	Brittany	Mr Fogg	All of Class 6F
Miss Thistlethwaite	Amir	Miss Andrews	Sayf
Mrs Bennett	Hyatt	Miss O'Donnell	Uzair

Please click on the table above to see this week's stars.

Attendance



*It is extremely important that your child attends school every day. If your child is unwell please phone the school office before 9am. As a school we need to have at least **97%** of children attending school everyday! This week's whole school attendance is **91%** and the class with the best attendance is **6F** again with **96.7%**. **Well done to them!***



3 STRIKES AND YOU'RE IN!



CHRISTMAS ATTENDANCE REWARD

*Over the next 4 weeks, we will be having **3 attendance HOTSPOT days**. To be entered into the draw and be in with a chance of going bowling with Mr Cranage and Mr Evans, you need to **be in school on all 3 HOTSPOT days**.*

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS



WIN A £50 Morrisons Voucher just in time for Christmas!

*To be in with a chance of winning, your child needs to be in school everyday from **NOW** and **UNTIL** Christmas (22nd December).*

*The live draw will take place on the last day of term - **Wednesday 22nd December.***

Reading



Year 4 had a fantastic time at Bolton Library this week. Take a look at what they got up to...





















Thank you to all of our Nursery parents, who came to this week's story session. It was lovely to see you all and see you joining in with the children.



Well done to Year 6, who have made brilliant progress on 'Reading Plus'. Each week, a child is chosen who has made exemplary progress and they receive a special certificate.

THIS WEEK'S YEAR 6 READING CHAMPION IS AMIRTHAP!

*We have some exciting rewards starting after Christmas for children who read at home regularly!
Watch this space...*

Thankyou for your continued support with home reading, it really does make a huge difference.

Happy Reading!

Miss Thistlethwaite

This Week's Learning

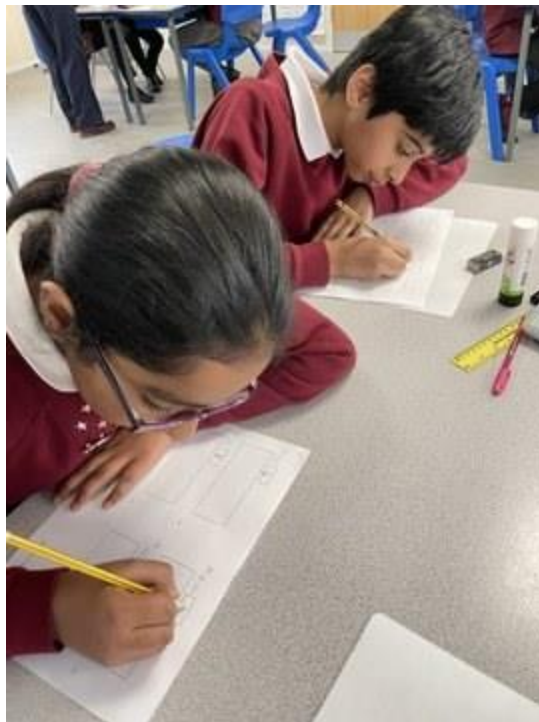


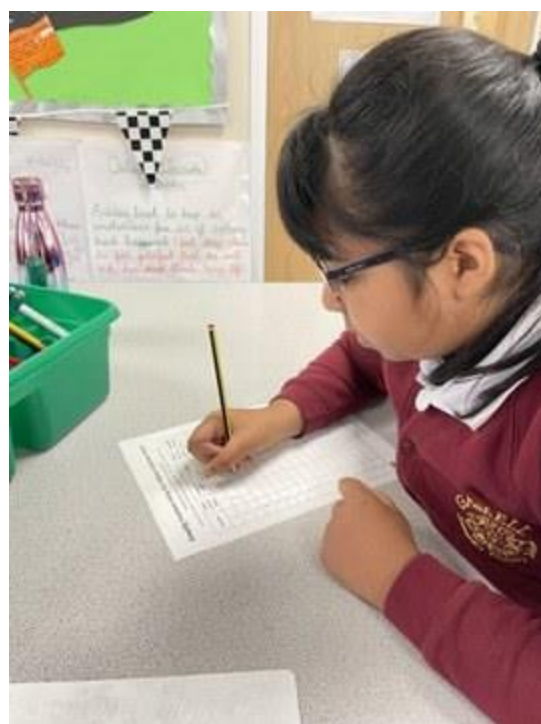
*The children continue to impress us **ALL** every week with their learning. Take a look at this week's amazing learning across school.*













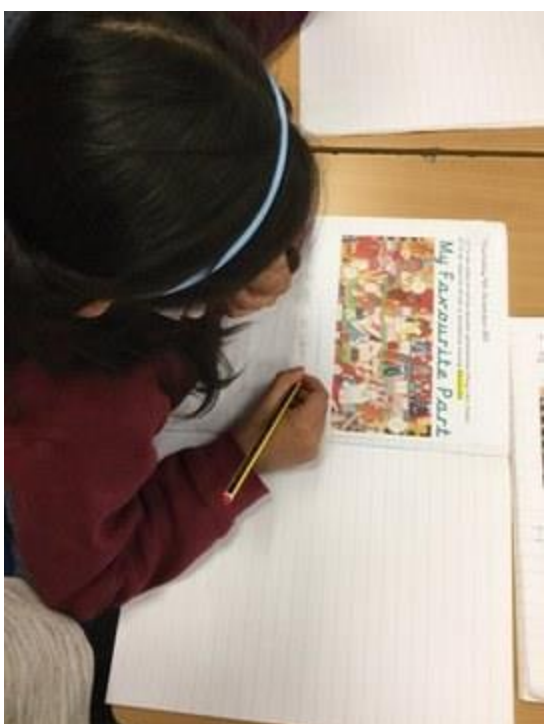






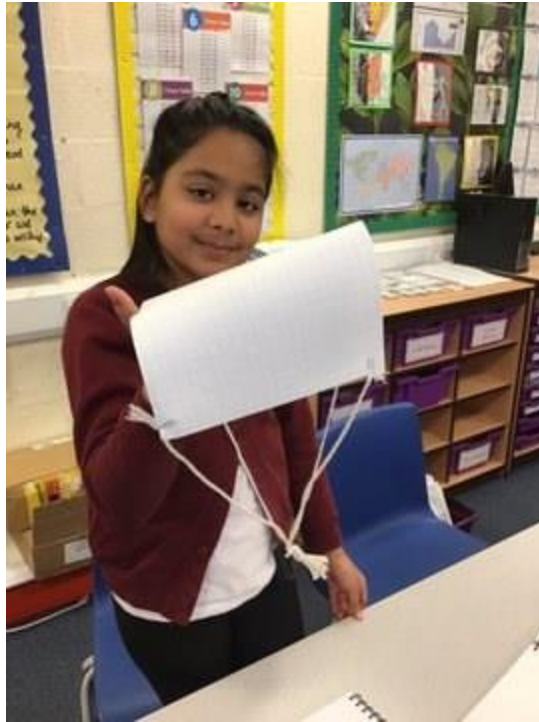


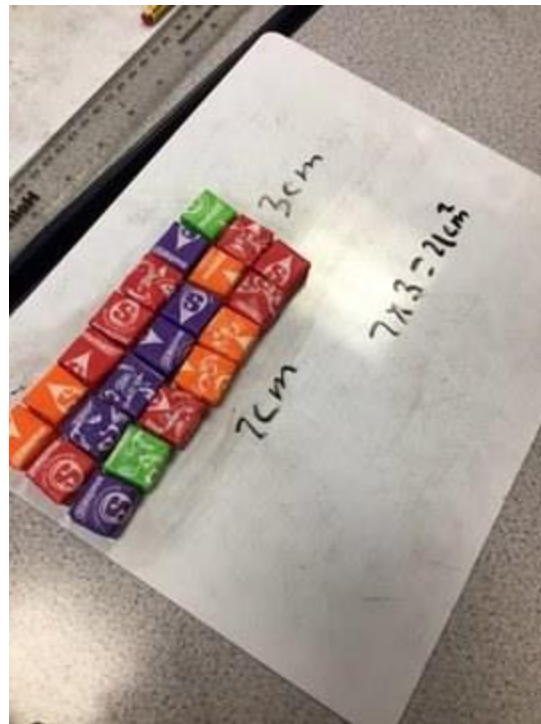
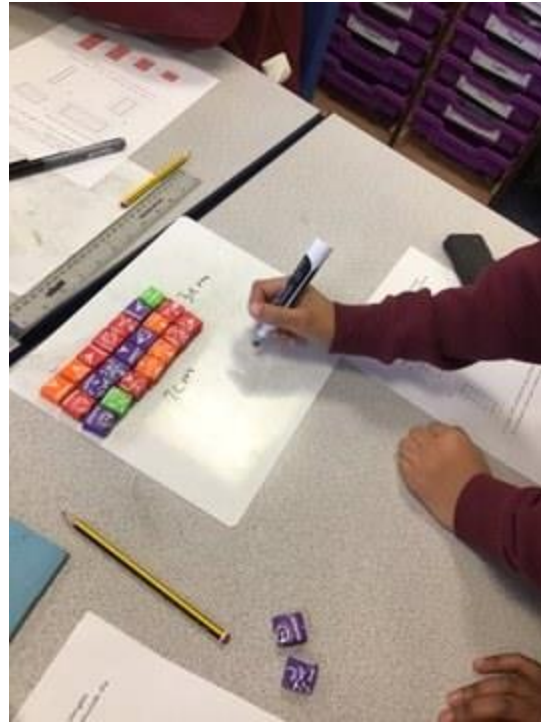






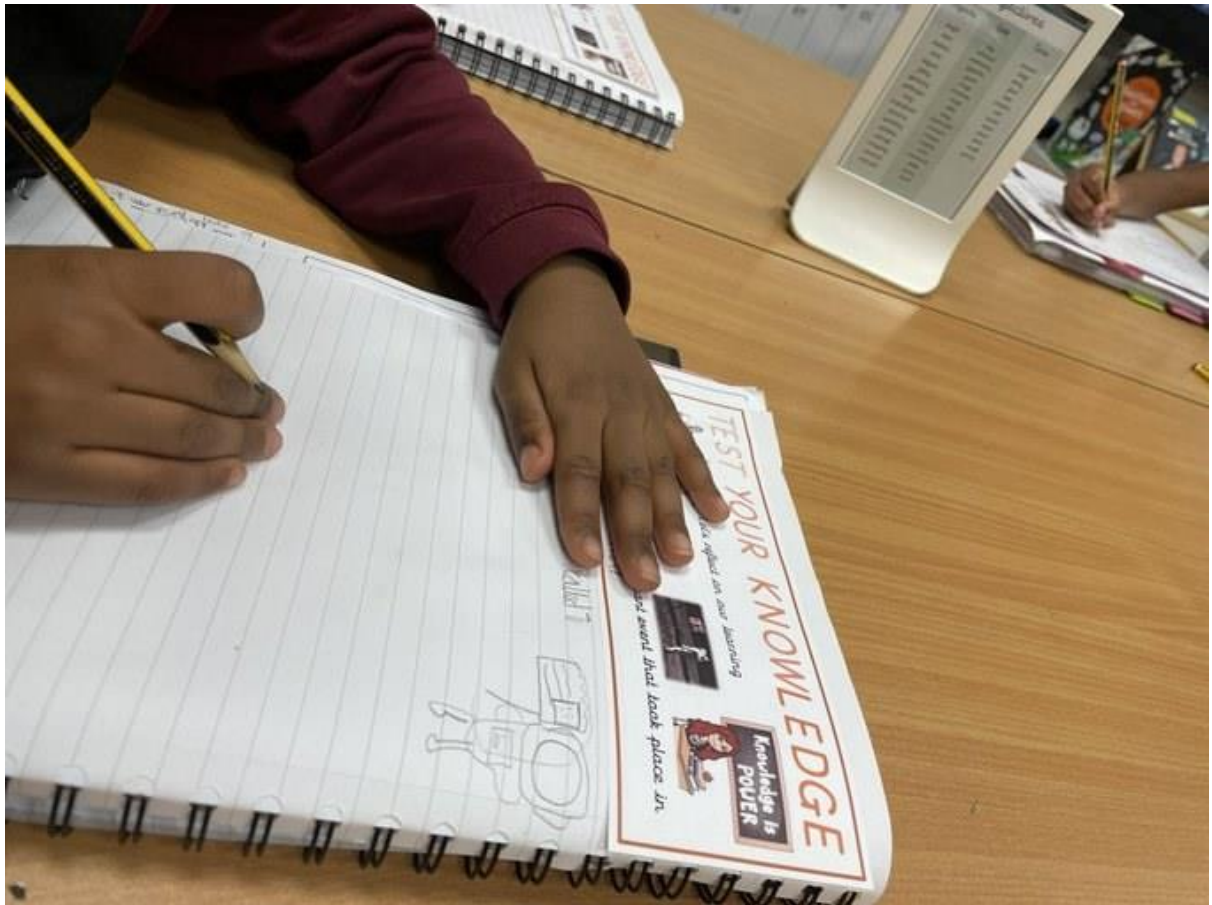


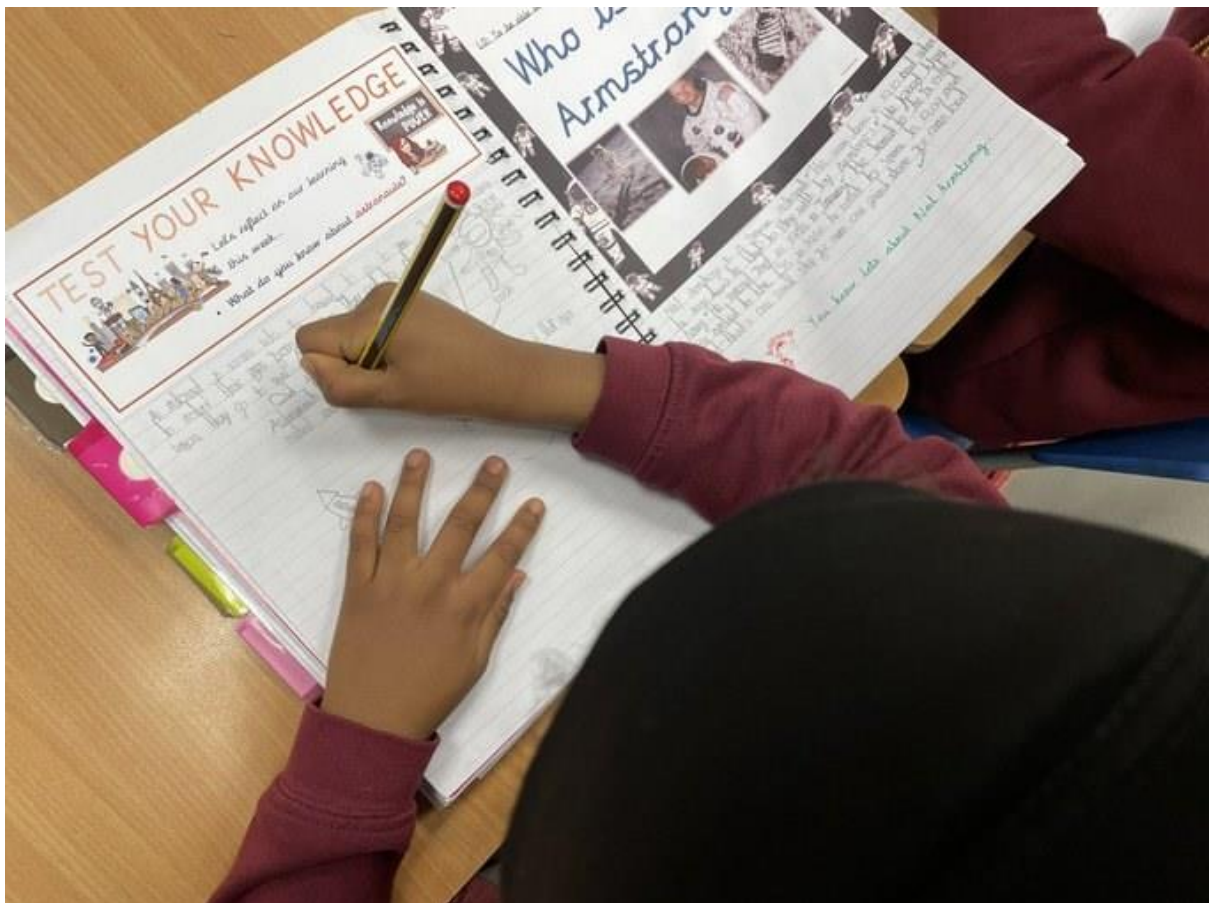
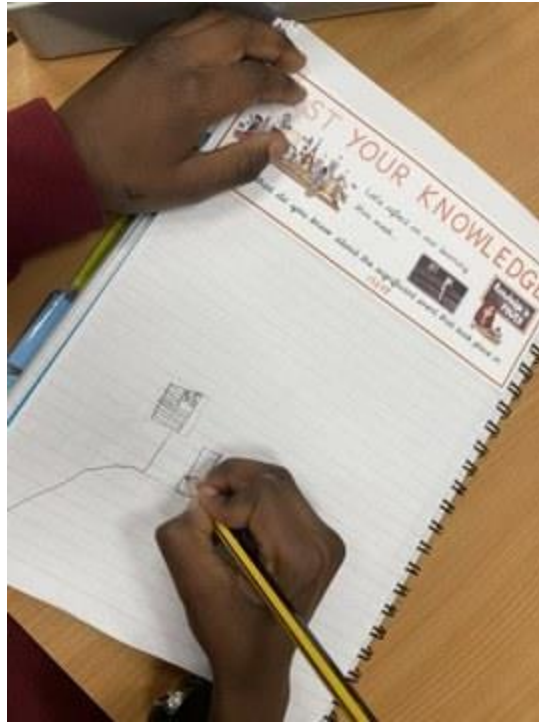


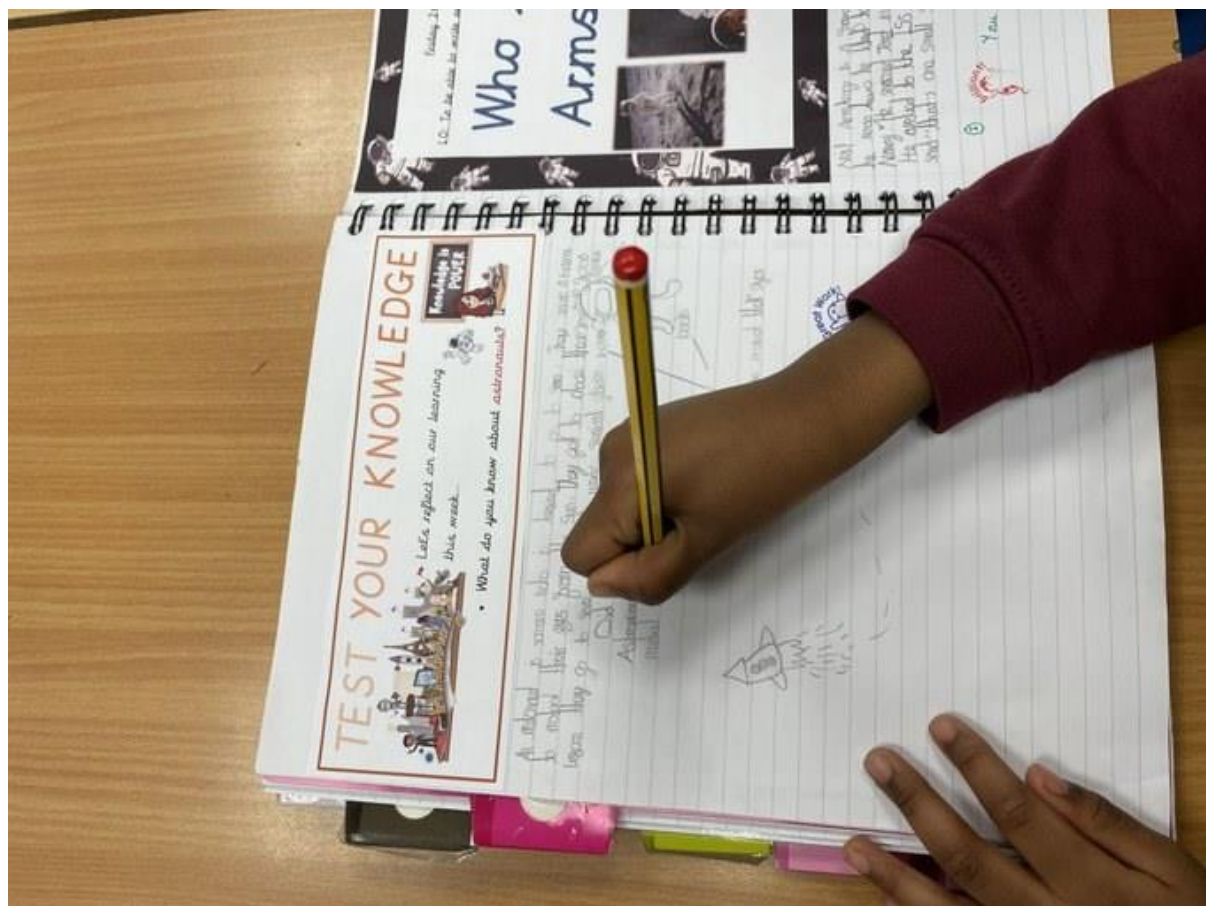




















This year we're going to use Seesaw to share our learning. Please join your class today!

If you're using Seesaw for the first time: 1. Go to app.seesaw.me.

2. Choose "I'm a Student".

3. Type in the code for your Class. This code expires on September 22, 2021.

4. Finish creating your account using your school Google account or email address.

If you've used Seesaw before and have an account: 1. Go to app.seesaw.me.

2. Choose "I'm a Student".

3. Sign in using your school Google account or email address.

4. Click on your profile icon on the top left.

5. Click on the +Join Class button.

6. Type in the code for your Class. This code expires on 19th December, 2021.

I'm excited to share our learning in Seesaw this year!

Miss Andrews



ALL communication about your child will **NOW** be through **PARENTAPP**, so please make sure you sign up if you haven't already done so! If you have any questions or need some extra help setting it up on your phone, please call 0151 808 0093 or email support@parentapps.co.uk

Important Information



Half Term Support

SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS WITH BABIES 0 - 2 YEARS

The services below will support parents who may be feeling low or anxious about their new responsibilities and benefit from additional peer support, resources and activities.

HomestartHOST
Delivering peer training to volunteers and staff, including a Peer Coordinator to support the establishment of diverse peer support groups across Bolton.

For more information email:
TraceyWhittlecraft@homestarthost.org.uk

Bolton Toy Library
Distribution of emotional health and well-being kits for parents and babies. Parent support drop in and one to one support, taking place in a relaxed, supportive, friendly environment, and provision of resources and information.

Telephone 01204 395079 or
Email: boltontoylibrary@yahoo.co.uk

MHIST
For parents or carers of a child between 0-2 years finding their parenting challenging. Feeling lonely or unable to socialise like they used to. An opportunity to talk to other parents experiencing the same situation in a friendly, supportive non clinical setting. Parent/carer are welcome to bring their baby/toddler with them. Wednesdays 10am - 11.30am, Moorland House, Bark Street.

Email: christine.makinson@mhst.co.uk
Telephone: 01204 527200

Little Bats Learning
Experience the therapeutic benefits of nature for parent and baby. Forest School programmes accessible to all, with supported sessions tailored to each participant's needs. Opportunity to gain new perspectives, confidence and skills to support your baby's physical, mental and emotional development. We provide all equipment, including hot food and drinks cooked outside. Waterproof clothing and footwear is available to borrow. Sessions are led by a fully qualified Forest School leader. This support will act as a follow on/next steps from the peer support groups.

Telephone: Eleanor Gordon on 07402 470161 to find out more and to book a place.

Support can be accessed by emailing IThrive@boltontogogether.org.uk or by contacting the organisations directly.

Please note this offer is currently only available till 31st March 2022

Bolton Together is the lead organisation supporting this partnership which is funded by GMCVO.

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Christmas Raffle



Nursery Places



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Full and Part Time Nursery Places Available

If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested in a full or part time place for their child, please contact the School Office on 333666



Reception Intake (2022 - 23)

Reception applications for children born between **1st September 2017 - 31st August 2018** opened online on 20th September 2021 at www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions.

The closing date is 15th January 2022. Please make sure you fill in your details ASAP as spaces will fill up quickly. If you need any help, please speak to Mrs Bertenshaw in Reception.



Reporting a Positive COVID Test

If you or a member of your immediate family has COVID symptoms, please keep your child off school until you receive a COVID test result. Just a reminder that if your child tests positive for COVID-19, please ring the school office immediately. If the office is closed, we would be grateful if you could email to let us know at parent@gaskell.bolton.sch.uk as soon as possible.

Let's do the right thing for Bolton

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, stay at home and get tested

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Bolton Council

School Times

*Due to the increase in traffic outside of school, **ALL** children can be dropped off at school from **8:45 - 8:55am** through their designated entrance. Classroom doors will be open, so children can walk to*

their class. **Lessons will start at 8:55am (prompt).** All classes will finish at 3:15pm and Afternoon Nursery will finish at 3:30pm. Morning Nursery will continue to finish at 11:45am.

Important Dates

Wednesday 15th December: ***Christmas Lunch***

Thursday 16th December: ***Choir with Mrs Holland (3:15pm - 4:15pm)***

Friday 17th December: ***Christmas Attendance 'Ten Pin Bowling' Reward***

Friday 17th December: ***Aladdin Production in School***

Monday 20th December: ***Christmas Carole Production in School***

Monday 20th December: ***Christmas Raffle***

Wednesday 22nd December: ***School closes at 1pm for Christmas***

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