



# Mars class

## Information

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<b>Who are the teachers and teaching assistants?</b>	<p><i>Teachers: Chloe (Monday-Thursday); Becky (Friday)</i></p> <p><i>Teaching Assistants: Sarah, Maddie, Kaycee</i></p>
<b>Who are the pupils/students?</b>	<p><i>Kaleb, Dean, Enzo, Maks, Harry, Jakub, Mohammed</i></p>
<b>What are they learning?</b>	<p><i>This term's topic is 'People'. We will be learning to identify the different senses and the names of body parts. Each week, as part of our 'Class Diary', students will look at a photo of themselves and their classmates engaged in an activity and write a label or short description. In Art &amp; Design, students will create self-portraits, inspired by artists such as Giuseppe Arcimboldo and Pablo Picasso.</i></p> <p><i>In PE this term, we are going to focus on football in the first half-term and basketball in the second half-term, learning to dribble, pass and shoot a goal, as well as work as part of a team, trying our best and being encouraging and supportive to others.</i></p> <p><i>In English, we will continue learning phonics and to read using 'Read Write Inc'. We will develop our 'visual literacy,' practising our comprehension and inference by looking at pictures and considering what story we might tell about it, how the characters are feeling and what might happen next and why.</i></p> <p><i>The focuses for Maths this term are number, measurement of length and shapes. In our class, we will learn to count on and back from a range of numbers and to recognise the value of tens and ones. On Fridays, we will continue to practise our understanding of money during 'class shop'.</i></p> <p><i>We are planning RE activities for the week beginning 9 October based on the Christian festival, Harvest. In the week beginning 27 November, we are planning RE activities based on the Sikh Guru Nanak. The week beginning 6 November is our next MFL/Culture Week focused on Poland.</i></p> <p><i>You can find out more about our curriculum on our website at <a href="https://linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk/springwood/learning/vita-curriculum/curriculum-plans/">https://linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk/springwood/learning/vita-curriculum/curriculum-plans/</a></i></p>

<p><b>What could I do at home to help with their learning?</b></p>	<p><i>You could:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reinforce your child's understanding of people who are important in his life.</li> <li>• Introduce him to appropriate new people.</li> <li>• Identify some ways that people are different, for example their physical features, age, religious beliefs, languages or the places they live.</li> <li>• Watch television programmes, read books or use the Internet to find out about different jobs people do.</li> <li>• Learn the name or sign for important parts of the body.</li> <li>• Practise skills to look after your body such as washing, bathing and cleaning teeth.</li> <li>• Practise counting to 20 and beyond. Try counting backward!</li> <li>• Practise adding/subtracting/multiplying/dividing numbers up to 20.</li> <li>• Spot and name 2d/3d shapes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Are there any good resources or websites we could use at home?</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/">https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/</a></p> <p><i>Practise typing letters in rows and typing capital letters, apostrophes, slashes and full stops, using Dance Mat typing:</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr</a> and <a href="https://www.scroobly.com/">https://www.scroobly.com/</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/</a> contains a variety of interactive games, which you can filter by age, subject and category.</p> <p><i>If you would like any symbols to support your child's communication at home, please get in touch with the class teacher.</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/">https://www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/</a> - resources for teaching young people about where food comes from, cooking and healthy eating.</p>
<p><b>What books or stories should we read at home?</b></p>	<p><i>Please let us know if you would like to use books from the Read Write Inc programme to practise reading at home; otherwise you could look at any books with strong characters or illustrations of people. Both books with pictures and books without pictures can be shared and you could ask who, what, where, why and when questions. You could also look at a range of both fiction and non-fiction books.</i></p>
<p><b>When is PE?</b></p>	<p><i>PE is in the hall on Thursday mornings. On Monday afternoons, we will also be doing some sensory circuits or yoga exercises.</i></p>
<p><b>When do you go out on trips?</b></p>	<p><i>We aim to go out as much as possible on Tuesday afternoons and there may be opportunities for us to go on the minibus. Your son does not need anything in particular for these visits – just a warm, waterproof coat if there is a chance of rain.</i></p>
<p><b>Does this class go swimming?</b></p>	<p><i>There are no swimming lessons for Springwood pupils/students in the autumn term.</i></p>

<b>Are there other days when my son/daughter needs to bring in anything else?</b>	<i>It is helpful to have a change of clothes at school. If your son comes home in the spare set, we would be grateful if you could please return another spare set.</i>
<b>What snacks can I send for my son/daughter?</b>	<i>We have snack time each morning and we provide fruit. If your son would prefer a different snack, please send it for him. Please remember that we encourage healthy snacks and we are a nut-free school so do not send nuts or any products containing nuts.</i>
<b>Are there any dates I should put on my calendar?</b>	<p><i>Every Monday from 11 Sept., 9.30-11.30, Linwood Campus Family Room: Wellness group</i></p> <p><i>28 Sept., 9.30-11.30, Linwood Campus Family Room: My Child Parent/Carer Support Group (meets monthly, further dates to follow)</i></p> <p><i>5 Oct., 9.30-11.30, Springwood Campus Family Room: Parent/Carer coffee morning (parents and carers from all campuses are welcome)</i></p> <p><i>2 Nov., 9.30-11.30, Springwood Campus Family Room: Parent/Carer coffee morning (parents and carers from all campuses are welcome)</i></p> <p><i>7 Dec., 9.30-11.30, Springwood Campus Family Room: Parent/Carer coffee morning (parents and carers from all campuses are welcome)</i></p> <p><i>Week beginning 9 Oct: RE Week – Harvest (Christianity)</i></p> <p><i>23-27 Oct: Half term (school closed)</i></p> <p><i>Week beginning 6 Nov: MFL/Culture Week (theme to be confirmed)</i></p> <p><i>Week beginning 27 Nov: RE Week – Guru Nanak (Sikhism)</i></p> <p><i>18 Dec.-4 Jan: Christmas holiday (school closed)</i></p>
<b>How can I contact the teacher?</b>	<p><i>E-mail: <a href="mailto:chloewalker@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk">chloewalker@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk</a></i></p> <p><i>If you need to contact us urgently, please call the school office on 01202 592410 and speak to Gemma or Lauren. Classroom-based staff may not be able to speak to you immediately but will call you back as soon as possible if necessary.</i></p>