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# Pearl Class Newsletter



The first full week back has been a very exciting one!

During maths this week, children were recapping what they already knew about subtraction and using this to solve worded problems. The children were able to borrow from more than one column and see how this made their subtraction easier to do!

This term, our book is "Cosmic: One Giant Leap for Boykind". This week, the children have been looking at the front cover, blurb and first few pages and thought about what might happen in the book. We have all agreed it is a very funny book but also links really well to our space topic.

During DT this week, the children were looking at gears more closely. They used lego to create gears that moved in different ways. The children were able to see complete lego sets to see the mechanisms in action. They then wrote up what they had found out.



In Science this term, the children are doing a double whammy of forces and space. Forces links really well with our DT topic as we are able to think about gravity, and push and pull forces while working with gears, levers and pulleys. Space, of course, is our overarching topic and this week the children have been focussing on Earth and looking at evidence from the past that made people think the Earth was flat! I can confidently say all the children ended the lesson know the Earth was a spherical body.

During PE this week, the two classes came together again to practice their ball handling skills. This week the children were introduced to the term "pivot" and practiced this by jumping and landing on one foot and pivoting around on the other. The children then got into houses and created small groups where they practiced throwing and catching the ball using chest pass and bounce pass. At the end of the lesson, the children got into groups of 3 and practised jumping up to the ball in a start position. This helped them with the skill of blocking too.

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**PE** - will take place on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child is wearing a PE kit in school on these days - thank you.

**Spellings** - this will no longer be set to test. Instead your child will bring home a spelling book, which will show you what words and rules we have been learning each week.

**Reading** - Children can read independently, however please sign their reading record so we know they have read at home.

**Mathletics** - Will be set online on Friday for your child to complete the following week.

**TTRS** - Please support your child with their times tables by logging on and letting the children complete different challenges.