



### DT: Pneumatics

In Design and Technology lessons children will be learning about 'Pneumatics' - How air makes things move.

They will be investigating a range of products that use air to make their components move and experimenting with making their own air pressured models.

All children will then design and make their a moving monster or character that uses pneumatics.

### Aspire classes

Donaldson class - Mrs Phillips

Coelho class - Mrs Adebiyi/Miss McGuiness

Silverstein Class Miss Stanislaus

Lear Class - Miss Hage/Miss Lee

Milligan Class - Miss Kelsey

Rosen Class - Mrs Smith

### This Terms topic: The Vikings

Our history focus this term is learning about 'The Vikings'. Children will learn who the Vikings were, where they travelled from and the impact they had on Britain. They will also be learning about key features of Viking life such as: Viking battles, longships, religion etc.

The children will get the chance to view and handle replica Viking artefacts and learn about how we know about the Vikings.

### Science Week

This half term the children will be participating in Science week where they will be learning all about animals. Each child will be given the chance to adopt an animal, create shelter for that animal and learn how to take care of it. We will also be having a visiting workshop to help teach us the science that is needed to rescue an injured animal and how we can keep them warm and hydrated. We are really looking forward to all we will learn during this week.

### RE Day - Festival of Holi

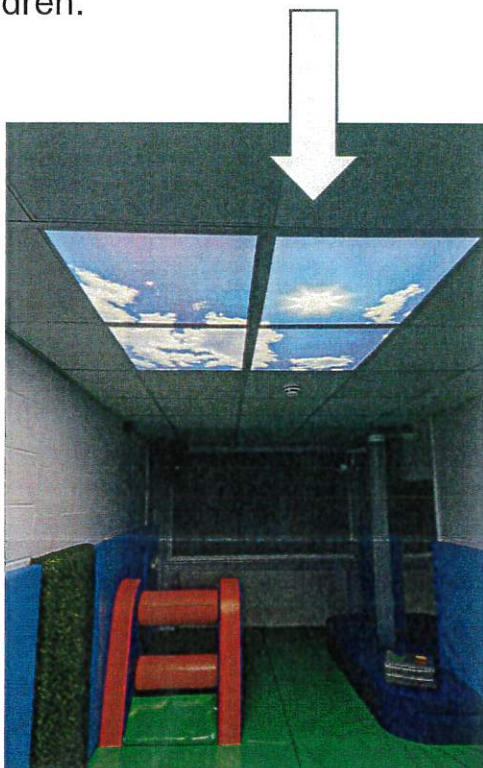
On Tuesday 14th March we will be having an RE focus day where we will be looking into the Hindu festival - Holi. Holi, often referred to as the festival of colour, is a fun occasion, most commonly known for when families and friends throw coloured powders over each other. Along with having a chance to celebrate the Holi festival in this way, we will also be learning where Holi comes in the Hindu beliefs and how the festival came to be. ***Pupils will be asked to bring old clothes into school for this.***



### Sensory room Update

We are really pleased that we have spent the money raised by the pupils last term on new light panels in our sensory room.

They are a great edition. Thank you to all our families that sponsored the children.



### Dates for the Term

*More details to follow on trips in individual letters.*

**Monday 27th February** - Safer internet workshops. Parents in PM

**Monday 27th February** - Football match 3pm

**Friday 3rd March** - World Book Day. Children to dress up

**Monday 13th March** - Parents day (pupils to attend school for appointment time only)

**Tuesday 14th March** - RE Day (Holi festival)

**Friday 17th March** - Donaldson Class to Godstone Farm

**Monday 20th March** - Science week

**Wednesday 22nd March** - Handball festival 3pm

**Thursday 23rd March** - Tree planting afternoon (parents invited)

**Wednesday 29th March** - Football tournament

**Friday 31st March** - Easter craft afternoon (parents invited)

**Friday 31st March** - Last day of term

**Monday 17th April** - Return to school





**Young Voices Concert at the O2**

## **Last Term at Aspire**



**Donaldson and Rosen class trip to Colchester Zoo**

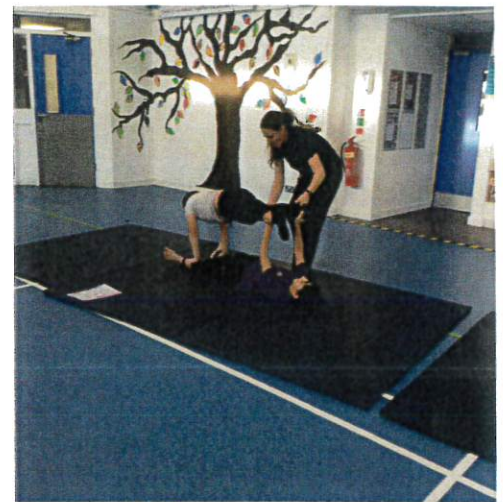
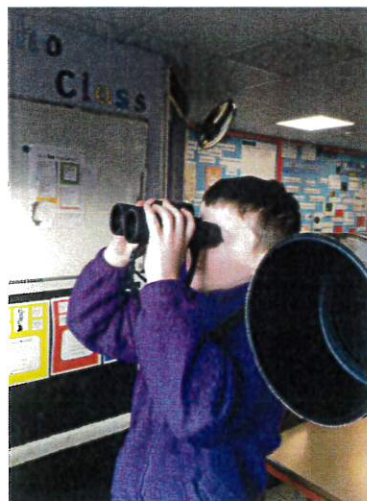


**Launch of Children's University**



**Art Club**

**RSPB Bird watch**



**Gymnastic Fun**



**Dinosaur Club**



**Whole school trip to the Lion King**



**Badminton Club**



## Other information

### Uniform Reminders

Grey shorts/trouser/skirt  
White/school logo polo shirt  
Purple Aspire jumper/fleece  
Black school shoes

Trainers are only permitted on PE days.

PE Kit - Purple Aspire T shirt, black jogging bottoms/shorts, Aspire jumper/Fleece, trainers

### After school clubs

Mondays 3pm - 4pm: Football or art  
Wednesdays 3pm - 4pm: Handball or Dinosaur club

Please sign up for these clubs using return slip on letter.

### PE

We are fortunate at Aspire to have a PE coach who teaches all classes on a weekly basis on a Tuesday. This half terms focus will be HandBall. Pupils are to wear their PE kits to school every Tuesday. This is purple Aspire T shirts, black bottoms and trainers. Pupils to wear school jumpers or fleeces.

Miss Stanislaus and Miss McGuinness' class be also have weekly swimming lessons on a Wednesday at Crook Log sports centre.

### Music

Mrs Matthews from Bexley music will be teaching music sessions in Miss McGuinness and Mrs Phillips classes this term.

### Golden time

Pupils at Aspire earn minutes throughout the day which is used for golden time at 2:30pm. Minutes are earned through completion of work and following the Aspire rules. Pupils who have not completed all their work will complete this during the golden time session or may be required to stay after school.

### Green Letters

Pupils can earn a green letter for having a good day at Aspire and making the staff and themselves feel proud. If your child comes home with a green letter please celebrate this with them. During Friday's achievement assembly pupils can earn a gold certificate (5 green letters) or a silver certificate (4 green letters) as well as certificates for upholding the Aspire values. Over the year the classes green letters are added together to earn the class money for a reward treat. Last years treats included: ice cream at the park, pizza for lunch and trips to gravity.



### Aspire Core Values



**A - Achievement**  
**S - synergy**  
**P - Perseverance**  
**I - Independence**  
**R - Responsibility**  
**E - Equality**

**WE DO IT THE ASPIRE WAY !**  
**Pupils are working hard to learn and uphold the Aspire Values.**