

# Golden Thread: Journeys

**Expedition: 'How can a journey to Space be explored creatively?'**

## Expressive Arts - Pupils will:

- Listen and reflect to music by English composer Gustav Holst, to help inspire creativity and imagination and to create their own music and dance movements.
- Develop communication & collaboration skills by sharing ideas and listening to others when planning and performing creatively.
- Understand how the idea of a journey can be explored imaginatively and creatively.
- Learn and recall simple facts about Space and famous astronauts to inspire a creative journey.
- Be creative through producing pictures of space art and sculpting with clay.
- Sing songs inspired by Space.

## Humanities

Pupils will:

- Learn about significant individuals linked to space and creativity.
- Develop understanding of the past, the world and our place within it.
- Explore similarities and differences between Earth and space.
- Learn how people around the world express ideas through music and dance.
- Share ideas, ask questions and reflect on experiences of the wider world.

## Health and Wellbeing

Pupils will:

- Participate in daily 10-minute physical activity and make healthy food choices, to ensure they keep both their body and mind well.
- Develop a variety of fundamental PE skills: Ball handling skills.
- Participate in yoga & Mindfulness activities to enhance their mental health and wellbeing.
- Be encouraged to behave respectfully and to show kindness towards others.

## Science & Technology

Pupils will:

- Explore forces and how objects move or react to force and magnets by carrying out an experiment.
- Design and create a Space buggy in Design Technology, using practical skills and problem solving.
- Use digital technology and develop skills.

## Languages, Literacy and Communication

Pupils will:

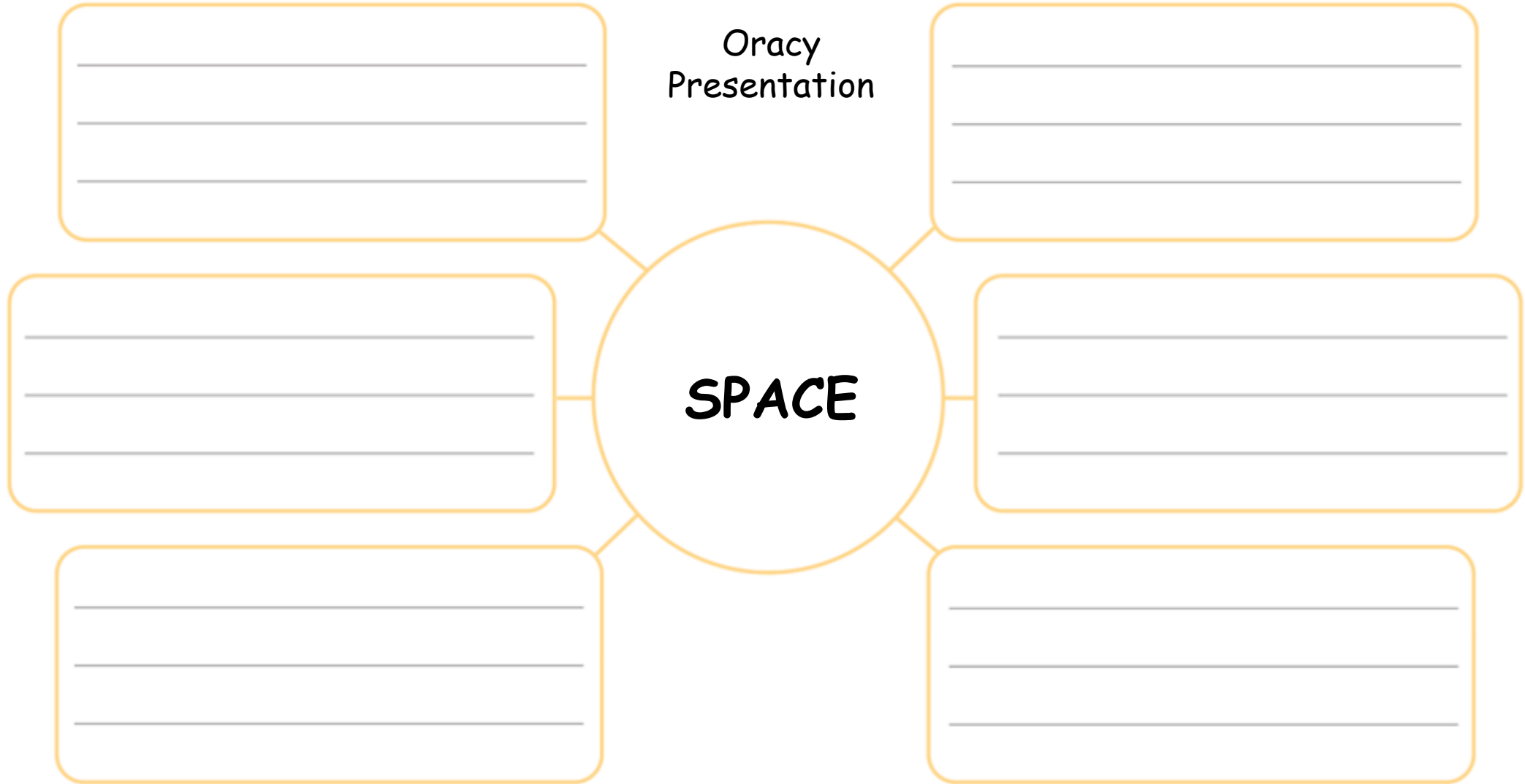
- **Fiction:** Write to retell a story based on Pie Corbett's' storytelling:
- **Non-Fiction:** Learn the purpose and structure of writing an Explanation Text.
- **Poetry:** Listen and respond to poems and write to create their own Simile poem.
- Use role-play and drama to act out stories.
- **Oracy:** Present facts about Space / Famous astronaut having carried out research.

## Maths and Numeracy

Pupils will:

- Read, write and compare 2-digit numbers (3-digit when ready) and understand place value.
- Use knowledge of number bonds and number facts to add and subtract, including doubling and halving.
- Compare numbers and amounts to find the difference.
- Recall and use number facts for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Count in 2s, 5s and 10s (and beyond when ready).
- Solve real-life problems using appropriate operations.

You may want to use this research template to help you get started on your presentation. You could record facts and information you already know. Then, you could carry out further research with an adult, to find out something new. Your presentation could also be about a famous astronaut or you could just include a bit about one, along with information about space. It's up to you Space explorer. Good luck on your mission!





# Dosbarth Birch Important Information (Spring 2026)



A very warm welcome back to Dosbarth Birch. Our expedition this Spring term is 'How can a journey to Space be explored creatively?' The topic web attached gives you an overview of what your child will be learning this term.

Here are just a few reminders that will help your child settle back into the new school year and help to allow the class to continue to run smoothly.

## Uniform/PE

- The children can continue to wear a relaxed uniform to school. This should consist of their school polo shirt, a school jumper or hoodie, jogging bottoms or leggings and appropriate footwear for sport. Dosbarth Birch will participate in PE on a Monday and a Friday, however if the weather is poor on these days, this routine may change, therefore sensible sport footwear should be worn every day. Although the weather is warmer, please ensure your child arrives to school every day with a coat that is waterproof.
- Please ensure all your child's clothes and belongings are clearly labelled with their name, this allows us to return it to them quickly if they misplace them.

## Water bottles

- It is very important that your child brings fresh water in a water bottle to school each day. They will be encouraged to drink this throughout the day and can have their bottle re-filled should they need to. Please ensure it is labelled with their name.

## Snack

- We are very proud to be a 'Healthy School'. Our Healthy School's 'Snack Shack' provides fresh fruit/veg daily for pupils to purchase at the cost of 20p per day, which can be arranged through a ParentPay account. If you wish your child to bring their own snack from home, we would kindly ask that they bring fruit or vegetables only.

## Reading

- Children will have a reading book to take home, along with a reading record book which will show comments written by the teacher/adult and where you can record comments about your child's reading or write a message to the teacher. Book bags are available to purchase from 'A Class Apart' and they come in House Colours. All children will take part in one-to-one reading sessions with an adult throughout the week. You will be notified of which day your child will need to return their home reading book each week. In addition, please can you listen to your child read daily.

## Literacy/Spellings /Show and Tell

- Children will receive a small paper copy of their spellings to take home on a Friday, these will be based on the phonic sounds they need to recognise and use in their reading and writing.
- Children will also have access to practice their spellings in class throughout the week, but please still practice these with your child at home in readiness for a spelling quiz the following Friday. At the end of this term, children will be given the opportunity to talk aloud to their class to develop their oracy skills. This term's oracy focus will be a presentation about Space. It can also be about or include a famous space astronaut.

## Maths

- Every other Friday, we will have designated time for '**FABULOUS FRIDAY**' outdoor practical maths activities. You will find a variety of maths resources and fun activities free online to be practised at home. E.g. Topmarks, BBC Bitesize and j2blast (HWB). Also practise real-life maths with your child e.g. Shopping with money/measuring. When your child is ready, they will come home with a times tables grid, please help them practise to work towards achieving a Times Tables Award.

## Home time

- If there is any change to the regular person who will be collecting your child at home time, please notify us by phoning the school office, or writing us a note prior to collection.

Your support and cooperation is much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to make contact if you have any concerns or queries during this term, you know where we are if you need us!

Many thanks.

Mrs Brookman & Mrs Jones



## Spelling Menu - Ideas for practising

### Hidden words

Can you make other words from the letters within your spelling words?  
e.g. catch - hat

### Spell and Rhyme

Write your spelling words and then write a rhyming word next to them.

### Write and Say

Write each of your spelling words 5 times, say the word as you write it.

### Rainbow

Write each of your spelling words in different colours.

### Alphabetical Order

Write your words in alphabetical order.

### Sentences

Write sentences containing each of your spelling words.

### Dictionary

Find your spelling words in a dictionary.

### Pyramid Words

Write the letters of your spelling words as a pyramid.

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hat