

Just to let you know...



In science we have been researching our spectacular Solar System and have also spent time investigating how the Earth spins on its axis and orbits around the sun giving us day, night and the 4 seasons.

A great website to visit, if you want to find out more is:

[www.primaryscience.ie/
activities_planet_profiles.php](http://www.primaryscience.ie/activities_planet_profiles.php)

- Intech visit is Tuesday 3rd February; children will need to be in school uniform and will also need a packed lunch. We will be leaving promptly at 9.00 am and will be back before the end of the day. Please return your permission slip, if you haven't yet done so.
- Music Medley House performances are in House assembly next Tuesday 20th January; encourage your child to take part if they can play an instrument or sing!
- **Fluffy Friday will take place on 20th of March. Please note this is an amendment to the date previously stated.** If you would like to take part please contact your class teacher.

Please continue to read regularly with your child and comment in their reading journal.

As part of our topic on Space we are encouraging the children to bring in their own books and space related artefacts from home. Please ensure books, etc. are named!

This half term we have launched a very exciting reading competition between the 3 classes. Ask your child about the details!

This week we have revisited formal written methods for multiplication and division. In order to be successful, children must know their times tables.

A great website for practising tables is:

[www.primaryresources.co.uk/online/
moonmaths.swf](http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/online/moonmaths.swf)

Although we no longer have access to **Mathletics**, as our subscription has lapsed, don't forget that we do have use of the following website; please feel free to log on and have a look with your child.

www.mymaths.co.uk

Username: pewley
Password: squared

The spelling words this week all end with the suffix 'ence'.

Group 1 - adhere, adherence, interfere, interference, coincide, coincidence, indulge, indulgence

Group 2— insist, insistence, differ, difference, persist, persistence

HOMEWORK—Log onto My maths, go to number and select multiplication/division/written. Go through the lessons and try the activities. **Level 4**= Short division/division with remainders
Level 5= Long division.—Refer to your sheet if you're unsure.

During English lessons this week, we have been writing our own Creation Stories. We have concentrated especially on using imaginative vocabulary to help create mood; connectives to help link ideas and creating an interesting story line which 'hooks' the reader. We also discussed how children can make their sentence openers more interesting and varied. We used the acronym **ISPAC**; ask your child what it means!