

# YAPTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL



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An Open Door to Learning

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited to launch our 'Sun, Moon & Stars' topic in the second part of the Spring term.

This term is only a 5 week half term so we have structured our planning effectively to meet the curriculum and the needs of the children.

On our return from February half term, the first week will be an Art based week where the children create their own 'Starry Night' painting inspired by Vincent Van Gogh. This week will allow the children to really focus on the techniques used in the original and have the time to create an effective piece of art.

The second week (WB 2<sup>nd</sup> March) we will launch our 'Sun, Moon & Stars' topic with a visit from the South Downs Astronomical Society. This visit will take place on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March after school** so the children can hopefully see the sunset, the moon and the stars in the night sky.

The children will attend school as normal during the day and will then continue their learning with their next 'Hook' until you **pick them up at 7pm**. We ask that the children come to school with a little extra snack box so they can have a little 'tea' around 4pm before the astronomers arrive.

They will get to see and listen to what equipment we need to be able to see the sun, moon and stars. They will learn about the different phases of the moon and the different star constellations.

As a school we are very excited to invite and support this charity led society. The teachers will be working hard to plan an eventful afternoon for the children.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of £1.00 to contribute to South Downs Astronomical Society. This will contribute to the service the volunteers are providing and the equipment they will be bringing. Although the contribution is voluntary, I do need to point out that it is probable that the visit will not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute.

Kind regards,

Ellie Parsons

KS1 Leader