

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to the start of another exciting school year! We look forward to having all the children back together at school. Here's to a successful and enjoyable school year ahead! I wanted to take the opportunity to share some important information with yourselves, including information about the learning which will be happening as well as any other important information you need to know.

In English, we'll dive into space-themed texts like *Baboon on the Moon*, *Beegu* and *Bob the Man on the Moon*. The children will use exciting descriptive words to create their own space adventure stories, non-chronological reports and a diary entry.

This term, our exciting new topic is 'To Infinity and Beyond,' and we are kicking things off with a fun-filled WOW Day on the first day back (Monday 6th January). The children are invited to dress up as either astronauts or aliens and will take part in a variety of space-themed activities.

In History, we will be exploring the wonders of space! The children will learn about the solar system, the timeline of the events of the space race, what makes a great astronaut, and discover key people in space exploration.

In Science, we will investigate different objects, materials and their properties, along with some hands-on experiments to look at material suitability.

In RE we will be exploring the religion of Islam and listening to and exploring stories from the Qur'an including the *Night of Power* commonly known as Ramadan and how it is celebrated today. We will investigate Tawhid (their beliefs around one God) and how this is like Christianity.

In PSHE children will be looking at respect, what it means to them, what could be disrespectful, self-respect and learning about equality and stereotypes. This links with our School Values, the Protected Characteristics and the British Values.

In Design and Technology, the children will design and build their own rockets, exploring rocket features and learning how to join materials together. At the end of the term, we hope to launch our rockets as a grand finale to our space journey!

We can't wait for this stellar journey to begin!

PPA and ECT time

Mrs Osbourne will continue to cover my PPA on a Monday morning 8:30-11:45am and my ECT time on a Tuesday 12:45-1:15pm. If you have any messages between these times, please contact them via Dojo as I cannot guarantee I will be in school or see my Dojo messages. If it is important, please ring the school office on 01205 460547.

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Personal Belongings

Please can you make sure that **everything** (including jumpers, PE kits and trainers) are clearly labelled with your child's name so we are able to return any lost items to the correct child.

PE

In PE children will be participating in gymnastics where we will be learning about balance and control, creating sequences and using apparatus to perform rolls, balances and jumps. PE will continue to be every Tuesday and Thursday. If your child wears earrings, could I please ask that they are removed before school to keep your child safe within P.E. lessons. Please make sure your child's P.E. kit is in school for our first P.E. sessions on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

Reading Books

Phonics Book

Your child will read their phonics book three times a week within school. Your child will then bring their new phonics book home on a Wednesday. This book is based on your child's phonics level which has been decided from their assessment. Please make sure your child's previous phonics book is in school on the Wednesday morning so we can issue their new one. If a phonics book is lost or damaged a £4 bill will be added to your ParentPay.

Regents reading incentive.

It's wonderful to see both children and parents getting more involved with reading at home! This term, we are going to place even more emphasis on the importance of reading. Through reading, children not only enhance their vocabulary, spelling, grammar, comprehension, and fluency, but also develop important skills like creativity, problem-solving, independence, and emotional intelligence. Most importantly, reading fosters a love for books, which can greatly benefit their mental well-being. Children who are reading **3 times a week or more** (on separate days which must be recorded in their reading records) will receive a prize out of the dippy box on a Friday.

Homework

Each week your child will be set homework. Every child has a blue homework folder, and this is where their homework will be. Please ensure all homework is back in school the following **Friday morning**. All homework which has been handed in on time will get 2 dojo points. Your child will have maths homework set via the online app Sumdog. Log ins for your child's Sumdog account can be found in the inside page of their reading record.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo.

Kind Regards,
Miss Maclean and Mrs Simpson

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