

Dear Families,

Welcome Back! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer. I feel so lucky to have the same pupils again this year and can't wait to teach some super topics.

We will begin with an awesome unit named  
`OUT OF THIS WORLD.'

The unit is all about the Solar System and Journey into Space and we will be teaching about the life of Neil Armstrong and other Famous Astronauts.

In Literacy we will begin using a book called **Man on the Moon** by Simon Bartram. Our work will be based on Book Investigation and Character Exploration. We will then look at several other texts during this unit such as, **Field Trip to the Moon, Luna the Moon Rabbit** and **Here come the Aliens!**

We will write in a variety of genres and also develop Reading Comprehension within lessons.

Handwriting will be taught each week and those pupils who are ready to begin joining their letters will be taught how to do so. More practise time will be given to the children who are working on pencil/letter control.

Direct Phonics will be taught during four targeted sessions each week and the children will be streamed in accordance to their individual ability.

We will celebrate Roald Dahl Day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September but please note we will not be dressing up for this event.

In Maths we begin by working on a three week unit on Place Value and then move onto Addition and Subtraction for the remaining four weeks of the half term. Weekly Homework will be based on developing these Maths Skills.

During our weekly Science sessions we will looking at Living Things and their Habitats. I am very excited to tell you that we have booked the Life Education Bus to help us bring scientific learning to life.

In History we will teach about Space Travel and learn how to chronologically order events. We will also research the life of Neil Armstrong. This year his anniversary marked 50 years since the Moon Landing, which we will be celebrating. We will add some Geography into the topic and teach about continents and oceans too.

Our SMSC and British Values, will cover learning about Ourselves, the Community/Neighbourhood.

Buddhism will be our main religion this half term and the children will join in with some yoga and meditation as part of the unit.

Our Art work is based on Space and the children will create their own canvas Star Constellation, paint in the style of the famous artist Peter Thorpe, make a marbled Solar System, mould their own 3D clay model of Beegu and finally do an observational drawing of Neil Armstrong. In DT they will design and create their own Space Buggy.

In Computing the focus is Log Ins and Online Safety.

Miss Rachel will be working with the children each Monday for Dance and Coach Dave will teach the children on Tuesdays. His focus will be Multiskills. Amy Lawless will also do four sessions in school to teach the children about Teamwork in PE.

Show and Tell - Mondays only please.

Homework - Given on a Friday to be returned on Monday.  
Spellings - Given on a Monday to be learned for Friday's Quiz.

Snack Money - 50p each week or £3.50 this half.

Year 2 Library Day - Wednesday

PE- Mondays and Tuesdays  
(Please have a PE kit in school at all times & earrings  
removed)

There are lots of upcoming events so please check the  
Whole School Newsletter regularly.

Kind Regards  
Mrs C Regan  
(Year Two Class Teacher and Literacy Coordinator)