

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Year 1 after your well-earned Christmas break!

This term our project question is 'Can you live on the moon?' As we move through the term, we will be exploring a wide variety of activities and information to help the children in answering this question culminating in our exhibition. Each week will have a separate question to help structure and inspire the learning for that week.

### **Phonics**

During the spring term we will be revising our phonics knowledge so far (phases 3, 4 and 5) through both reading and writing activities. Towards the end of last term, we introduced 'Alien Words' to the children, and will continue to practice spotting them and accurately segmenting and blending them.

### **English**

Our term will be beginning with writing our own story based on Whatever Next. We will then be learning and practicing some different space themed poetry before planning and writing a non-chronological report about a famous astronaut from history. After half-term, we will be learning how to write accurate instructions before finishing the spring term by writing an additional piece of fiction based on The Way Home.

### **Maths**

In Maths, we will be continuing to practice our 2 and 10 times tables along with following the Maths scheme 'Maths No Problem'. This term we will be learning numbers to 40 (both numerals and words), introducing multiplication and division and continuing to explore Maths through word problems. As with many of our subjects the children will be experiencing and practicing their Maths learning through both outside classroom and active learning activities.

### **RE**

RE will be taught for an hour a week, and we will be following the Hertfordshire scheme. As part of our RE learning we will be learning about being part of a community, naming ceremonies, prayer and the Easter story.

### **Science**

During the spring term, we will be continuing to learn about the different seasons, planting and growing, understanding where our food comes from and the difference between everyday materials. The science curriculum will be taught through both outside classroom lessons and topic lessons.

### **Computing**

Children will begin to explore the tools within different programmes to help them in creating visual information. They will continue to practice logging on to the school network, accessing work, saving work and printing work. Within computing lessons, children will also be covering aspects of eSafety and learning how they can stay safe online and what to do if they are unsure about any content they should find.

## **Homework**

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday - due back in on a Tuesday morning. In addition to any activities or tasks sent home on a Thursday, there will be books available on Bug Club and Maths activities available through My Maths. If you have mislaid any of the login details for either site, please ask your class teacher for the details.

## **Exhibition**

Our spring term exhibition will be on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in the afternoon. Please save the date more details will be sent to you nearer the time.

## **PE**

PE will continue to be taught by Miss Hasell on a Tuesday. However, each class will have a further lesson taught by the class teacher within the week. It is important that full PE kits are kept in school for the entire week. If your child does not have their PE kit, then they will not be allowed to participate. Please contact the school office for any required replacements.

Please make sure that your child's name is clearly written into any clothes, bags or items that they bring into school.

Many thanks for your continued support, and if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us through either the School Office or quickly at the end of the school day,

**Miss Hancock & Mr Harvey**