

April 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to Term 5!

### Space Explorers

This term, our topic is all about Space. During this topic, your child will be learning about the different planets in our Solar System as well as the Moon and the Sun and their impact upon the Earth. We will be researching famous astronauts and finding out about their space missions, including the Space Race. In addition, we will be creating artwork themed around Space.

### Curriculum

In English, your child will be reading 'War of the Worlds'. They will develop their comprehension skills through our Guided Reading lessons whilst reading this novel. We will be writing newspaper articles about the Moon landing in 1969 and creating biographies based on famous astronauts. The children will be writing stories based on film clips based on fictional planets, with a clear focus on descriptive language.

In Maths, we will be learning about angles including measuring angles using a protractor, calculating missing angles in shapes and on straight lines. The children will then use this information to draw polygons and nets for 3D shapes. We will then focus on place value for numbers up to ten million and compare, order and round these numbers. There will be a focus on reasoning and problem solving during this term, with children applying their skills to different activities and investigations.

In Science, our topic is Earth and Space. Your child will be learning about the different planets in the Solar System. They will also be learning about the movement of the Moon and how night and day occurs on Earth.

In RE, our unit is Kingdom of God with a focus question of 'What kind of a King is Jesus?' The children will be exploring Christian beliefs about Jesus and considering his character. In addition, the children will be thinking about how they would act if they ran the world and how they could improve the world.

This term, PE will take place on Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. Your child will need a PE kit to fully participate, including t-shirt and shorts (and plimsolls for circuit training). No earrings are allowed to be worn during P.E. lessons therefore the children need to be able to take them out themselves, or have them taken out in the mornings before school.

Further information about what your child is learning can be found on the school website.

### Homework and reading

Home work will be given out on a fortnightly basis. The homework will go home on a Friday and be due back the following Friday. It will have to be quarantined before it is looked at and then new homework will be set ready for the next Friday. Reading books will follow the same routine as the homework.

Your child has access to Collins e-books. The username and password for this has been sent home with your child. New books will be assigned on a weekly basis.

Maths tasks will be set weekly on MyMaths.

Your child also has login details for Spelling Frame in order to practice their spellings further. Please contact us if you need the passwords for any of these websites.

If you have anything further you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact me by making an appointment at the office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Murray and Miss Tapsell