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Dear Parents/Carers,

The topic this term is SPACE!



We will be exploring this topic with some exciting 'space' story writing. Our core text is 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon, which will inspire us and aid our imaginations. We will be using information texts to find out facts about Planets and Space and learning about significant people involved in space travel to include Neil Armstrong, Tim Peake, Catherine Johnson and Mae Jemison. In Science we will be learning about the weather associated with the different seasons.

We have attached a knowledge organiser which informs you of the timeline, vocabulary and some of the significant people we will be learning about in History this term. As part of our Space topic we are currently in the process of arranging the Planetarium to visit us at school from The Observatory Science Centre, further details will follow shortly.

Phonics will continue to be taught daily as a whole-class. Phonics is a fundamental part of the children's learning in Year 1 and we will be continuing to set homework based on the phonics and writing we have been focusing on each week. We also ask that you listen to your child read for at least for 5-10 minutes per day. We are reading with the children individually and as part of a guided reading group each week. We remind the children that they can change their books when they arrive at school in every morning. Please ensure you send their books and reading records in each day.

In Maths we will continue to look at number bonds to 10, fact families, counting back and writing number sentences. We will be learning addition and subtraction within 10. We will also be learning about Time. We will continue to send home the information sheet of the unit we are working on so you are able to support your child's maths learning and be informed of the vocabulary we are using.

In Art we will be using the painting 'Starry Night' by Van Gogh to learn about both primary and secondary colours to include lightning and darkening colours. We will also learn how to add texture to paint before creating our own inspired 'Starry Night' pictures.

In Computing the children will learn how to use Scratch Jr when creating their own interactive Space story. They will learn how to make their characters move and use audio clips to add to their stories.

PE continues to be on a Monday and Yoga on a Thursday, please ensure your child attends school in their PE kit on these days.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to either of us before or after school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bishop and Mrs Bennett