



Head Teacher : Mrs D Reynolds - BSc Hons QTS NPQH

*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 2nd Term of Spring in Year 1. This Term we are expecting a visit from some Aliens and the children will have the opportunity to explore and demonstrate what they know about Aliens and Outer Space!

### **MAIN LEARNING THEME – ‘The Aliens are coming!’**

The themes are **Science and Design Technology** based and will include many practical activities for the children to participate in. We are going to complete many hands on activities including designing and making Alien rockets and space ships and learning about being in Outer Space!

### **LEARNING SKILLS –Developing Sense of Self Worth & Understanding of Self and Others**

- I can explain what I like and dislike and give reasons.
- I can show interest in those around me and comment on the things I find interesting.
- I can identify things and situations that make me feel happy and sad.
- I can express a range of emotions and identify a range of feelings.

### **NUMERACY**

We will be working using the National Numeracy framework. All of the units will be building on the skills and learning the children developed in the Foundation Stage. We will be working C2 Handling Data and Measure and D2 Calculating ,Measuring and Understanding Shape.

### **LITERACY**

This half term we will continue to teach Literacy through the “Read Write Inc.” program. This will continue to focus on developing the reading skills of the children. We will focus on strategies for spelling and writing in greater depth.

Some children have progressed beyond “Read Write Inc.” These children will be working from the Literacy framework.

### **PE**

PE will be on Tuesdays and Fridays. PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. Please ensure your child has both indoor and outdoor kit in school with them all week. Children with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed (by the child) or covered with a plaster (which must be supplied from home).



## **HOME LEARNING**

Each week your child will receive their Home learning logs with a short task to complete in it. This will be based on the theme they are learning about this term. It could include some writing, pictures and research found using the internet. This will be issued every Wednesday and is expected to be handed in every Tuesday. The children will then vote for how many house points should be awarded for each child's effort made towards the task.

## **READING**

Please continue to read with your child at home. Each week, they will be given 1 or 2 reading book which they can share with you at home and any comments recorded in the Reading Record. This will be changed weekly. Year 1 have the opportunity to visit the library and learn about all the different types of books and how to use a library. Each week, your child will also participate in 'Guided Reading' where they will have the chance to join in with plenty of 'book talk'.

## **HALF-TERM HOME LEARNING PROJECT**

The project is voluntary but is a good way to get all the family involved in the children's learning. The theme we will be covering is 'The Aliens are coming!' and could involve:

- Researching planets in the Solar System and producing booklets, paintings and models.
- Making a sculpture of an alien.
- Creating a story about an alien in Outer Space/ on Earth.

The project needs to be completed and in school by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013**. Please be aware that **no** other toys or objects belonging to the children should be brought into school unless asked to by the teacher.

## **END OF THE DAY**

Please feel free to use this time to talk to us about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Miss Healey  
Class Teacher

Mrs A Woods  
Teaching Assistant

Mrs Reynolds  
Head Teacher

