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*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

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Dear Parents/Carers,



It has been an excellent Spring Term and I know everyone in Year 6 is looking forward to the Summer term, including the SATs, where all our hard work is coming together. All children are fully prepared and the week will go smoothly and with as little stress as possible, I am confident it will be just like a normal week. ☺

Next term we will have a brand new, exciting topic called "Out of this World" which will be linked across our topic work focusing primarily on Science, Art, Design and Technology and Geography. The topic will also include links to other National Curriculum subjects including Dance, Music, Computing and Languages.

#### **MAIN LEARNING THEME – 'Out of this World'**

- Key features and planets of our solar system including facts about environment and conditions.
- Which countries and nationalities have space programmes and how these programmes pioneered and developed space exploration?
- How day and night are created by the earth's rotation.
- What life is like on the International Space Centre including lifestyle, diet, expeditions etc.

#### **KEY VOCABULARY FOR LEARNING THEME:**

Planets, solar system environment, conditions, space programmes, pioneered, exploration, rotation, lifestyle, expeditions

#### **MATHS**

Maths will continue to be taught daily in class and in addition 'Big Maths' will continue to be delivered in ability groups across the school. The main maths objectives will cover all topics and will act as a revision in preparation for the SATs in May. Some topics will be covered in more detail depending on the needs of the class. After May, we will work on more problem solving; reasoning and 'Maths in the Outdoors'.

We will continue our focus on mental maths and times tables with the aim of improving speed and rapid recall and will introduce a more structured times tables system after Easter. Revision sessions will continue for the first few weeks.

#### **ENGLISH**

We will continue with a wide variety of assessed writing and revision session as we prepare for SATs. During English, we will focus on **Recounts**, **Non-Chronological Reports** and **Poetry** and continue to cover the revision units of all text types to ensure that children have a wide range of evidence and have a thorough understanding of each text type. There will be many drama and writing opportunities based around our Space topic. I know the children will continue their hard work towards improving their writing and this will be towards collecting evidence for my teacher assessment. We will continue with regular taught grammar and spelling sessions (SPAG)

Our recommended classic reading includes: *Carrie's War* – Nina Bawden and *Just Henry* – Michelle Magorian

It is crucial for progression with reading comprehension that your child reads a variety of texts, including *stories*, *non-fiction*, *magazines*, *comics*, *children's newspapers* and *poetry*. The children have the opportunity to visit the library at lunchtime and once a week as a class; in this session, they can change their library book. There is also extra provision on a Wednesday for some children to have reading time with an adult.

### **PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT – Trips and assemblies**

The children will be learning about the life of astronauts and the different space programmes in the UK and around the world. We aim to share with our learning projects in the year 6 classroom entitled "Year 6 Launched in Space". We will also hopefully have the opportunity to visit Leicester Space Centre; more details to follow.

### **HOME LEARNING**

Your child will receive a half termly Home Learning Project entitled 'Out of this World'. This is not a compulsory project however it will be beneficial to the learning in class if your child could complete some of the ideas under the headings – **Creativity, Research and Mathematical**. I was pleased that members of the class completed previous projects and it was very useful to share their knowledge and understanding.

I will continue to set weekly Maths and English key skills- which have proved popular with many parents and acts as a revision for your child. Homework will be given out on a Wednesday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to independently be responsible for their homework as this will be the expectation of secondary school. If children do not meet this requirement then they will complete the home learning during break time. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **PE**

Children will partake in two hours of PE each week, one indoor and one outdoor. Our PE days are currently *Tuesday* and *Friday*. Please remind your child it is their responsibility to bring their full PE kit into school on a Monday, leave it in school all week then take it home to be washed on a Friday. This way, if the weather is good, we may do extra PE, the children will have their kit in school. Can we remind you that school rules state that for the safety of your child, earrings need to be removed for PE (which needs to be done independently) or plasters (provided by home) need to cover the earrings. Children with long hair will also be asked to ensure that it is tied back. If your child forgets their PE kit on the designated PE day, a letter will be sent home to inform you.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact either myself or a member of the year 6 team at the start of the school day or by making an appointment via the school office. We look forward to continue working in partnership with you to ensure that your child makes progress and has an enjoyable learning experience.

**I hope you have an excellent Easter break. I expect all children to continue with any final revision but also have plenty of opportunities to enjoy time outside in the sunshine (hopefully) and enjoy rest periods. I look forward to welcoming the children back after Easter, for their final Summer Term at Norwood.**

Yours sincerely

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Class Teacher

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TA

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