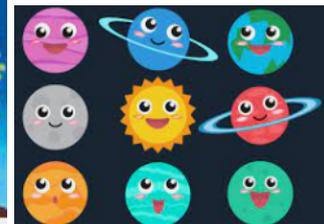
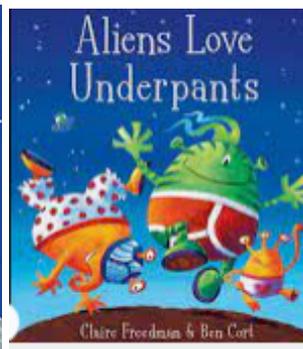
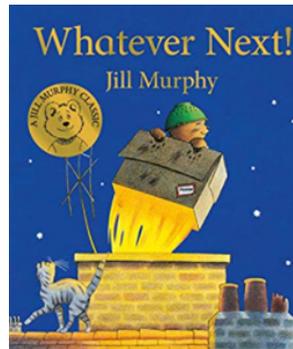




Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back Donaldson Class! What a great start we have had to the school year, the children have settled in so well and I am very proud of them! I hope you have all had a restful half term and are looking forward to the exciting learning we will be doing this term.



Our Topic for this term is: Space

This term we will be looking at all things Space. This Space topic will be incorporated into many areas of learning such as English, Design and Technology and Science. In English we will be looking at the stories above and creating wanting posters for a missing alien. In Science we will be looking at the different planets and in Design and Technology the children will be making space puppets for our small world area in the classroom. Towards the end of term our focus will be Christmas.

Things you need to know:

- **PE** will now be on **Fridays** so please make sure the children come to school wearing their P.E kits with appropriate footwear on these days (in line with the school's uniform policy). **Mr Ballard, our sports coach**, will be taking the class for their P.E lessons.
- Everyone should now have books at home to read. Year 1's will have two books. One being a phonics book where the children have to sound out the words. The other book is for the children to read with parents which include common exception words that they may need support with to read. Reception children will have one phonics book to read at home.
- **Tricky words** are now being sent home for them to practice. Tricky words cannot be sounded out and need to be learnt to encourage fluency when reading. Please do not worry if they are learning the same words for a while - sometimes it takes time to remember them.

I am looking forward to our parent meetings next week where I can talk to you about your child's learning and will be free to answer any questions.

Thank-you for your continued support,

Miss Johnson