

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a great holiday. I am so happy we are all back together in school, long may it continue!

This half term, our science focus will be Earth and Space. We will be looking at the relative positions, sizes and orbits of the Earth, Moon and planets in our solar system. As you may have seen in the news, the JWST (James Webb Space Telescope) has just been successfully launched. Unfortunately, we won't get any images back from it until the summer, but it is still an excellent opportunity to get your child enthused about the universe and science in general.

We will be having a real push on reading this half term so please ensure that you are listening to your child read and reading with them on a regular basis. The more the better!

Our focus in mathematics this half term is going to be multiplication, division and fractions. So keep up the regular times table practice (I will include a list of good resources below).

Homework

- It is vital to ensure your child reads regularly. They can write how many pages they have read and a short description in their homework diary. This should be brought into school every day.
- Spellings – We will send out spelling words each week. Please ensure your child practises reading and writing these. You will also receive login details to a 'Spelling Shed' account. This will have additional spelling activities and games.
- Crystal Explorers - This is an excellent resource for practising SPaG (spelling and grammar) questions. For details see the 'Homework' section on Google Classroom.
- TtRockstars – Keep logging in to TtRockstars to practise times tables. If you are unsure, check Google Classroom for instructions and hints.
- Mathsframe has some fun and engaging games to explore. These will enable your child to continue practising vital skills in an enjoyable way.
- Here is the suggested timetable for homework...

5 minutes reading your library book each night.

5 minutes TtRockstars practice each night.

5 minutes practising spellings each night.

1 piece of maths/English homework per week.

Useful information

- **PE** is back to **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please make sure the children come to school wearing their P.E kits with appropriate footwear.
- **Mobile phones** will need to be signed in at the start of the day and signed out at the end of the day. They will be locked safely away during the school day.
- **Walking home** - Please remember to fill in a consent form (if you have not already) if you wish for your child to walk home alone.
- **Medication** Please ensure that the office has up-to-date information regarding medication for children to be administered at school.
- **Contact Address and Telephone Numbers** If you have moved recently or changed your home or mobile telephone number, please let the office staff know. It is important that we can contact you quickly if your child is unwell.

Kind regards,
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