



Dear Parents,

We hope that you all relaxed and had a great half term! This term in our 'Light and Dark' topic we are going to travel out of this world.

In this topic your child will become space explorers and will be learning about the solar system and planets. We will think about how the sun creates night and day and discover what animals are nocturnal or diurnal.

Alongside our topic we shall also be concentrating on developing our Maths and Literacy skills even further. We will also be celebrating family traditions such as Easter. Our Easter Bonnet parade will be held on Thursday 28th March.

Let's have a real 'blast' this half term!

Mr Blanthorn, Miss Neve, Mrs Colclough and Miss Chapman.

OUR DRIVING QUESTION:

Can we, as astronomers, identify the planets in our solar system?

IN WRITING The children will be developing their handwriting and will be concentrating on letter formation. They will be using their phonic knowledge to write sentences and create their own stories as part of Talk 4 Writing.

IN MATHEMATICS Pupils will be revisiting counting skills and developing an understanding in finding 1 more/less than a given number. They will use their number skills to recognise when groups of objects have the more/fewer/equal amounts. The children will begin to double numbers and look at the composition of numbers 6 and 7.

IN PHONICS This half term we shall continue to recap our Set 1 sounds and digraphs. We will also begin to look at our Set 2 sounds.

IN EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN The children will be creating a night sky inspired by Vincent Van Gogh and illustrations by Eric Carle. We will focus on collaging and printing skills.

IN PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT we will be discovering everything fun about Bats and Rackets! Beginning to learn the fundamentals of tennis passing, batting and fielding.

IN UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD The children will be learning about space and the solar system. They will research famous astronauts from the past and learn what life would be like in space. We will also look at nocturnal and diurnal animals.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- PE Kits are required every **Wednesday**.
- Bring your Book Bag Books and Library books every **Friday**.
- We can't wait to see your easter bonnet designs on **Thursday 28th March**.
- Your child can dress up as a book character for **World Book Day** on **Friday 8th March**.

IN PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We will be thinking about the perspective of others and learning how to be more resilient and persevere when facing a challenge.

