

# Welcome Back!

Dear Parents/Guardians,



The Year 1 team would like to say a warm welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and had chance to rest over the break. I am sure you are looking forward to a new and exciting term ahead just as much as we are.

Prepare for lift off as our first topic this term is...Space! We will begin the topic with a space themed afternoon where we will have a rocket launch experience and taste some of the food astronauts eat whilst living in the International Space Station.

Our second topic is 'All Dressed Up' where we will be exploring the history of our Royal Family!

## Writing

During the first half term we will be reading 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon to continue with our space theme. We will write a diary entry from Beegu's perspective. We will also create an information book all about Space! After the half term holiday we will be completing an author study on Jeanne Willis, where we will immerse ourselves in a 'Bog Baby day' linked to one of her books.

## Maths

In Maths this term will be completing units on addition and subtraction (within 20), place value (within 50) and measurement (length, height, weight and volume). You can support your children with addition and subtraction at home by helping them recall their number bonds to 10 and 20.

## Reading

It is really important that children read every day. This could be a whole book, a couple of pages or a chapter. Children should read aloud to an adult and be asked questions about what they have read. It helps to read the book 2 or 3 times to ensure the children are developing their fluency and expression when reading, as well as ensuring they have a good understanding of the book. Once you have finished with a book, please put it in the box in the class entrance so we can change them for you.

## Homework

This half term we have continued with the homework grid which has all the homework activities for the whole half term. These can be done as and when you wish, so please just write the date under the task when you have completed it. If you would like to stick in a picture of your child completing the activity then feel free, but this isn't compulsory! This half term, the homework gallery will take place on a Friday so please make sure books are **returned by Friday**.

## Names!

Please make sure your child's name is in everything they bring to school – this includes coats, water bottles and jumpers/cardigans. We do our very best to ensure that nothing goes missing during the school day and it is much easier to do this if all clothing is clearly labelled. If you did it at the start of the year, please check it hasn't been washed out!

## PE

Please ensure that all children come to school in sufficient warm clothes and suitable outdoor shoes when they have PE. Year 1 have PE on Tuesday's and Fridays. NIFS PE kit should be made up of a white top, black bottoms, a black jumper or jacket and trainers / pumps.



We are all very much looking forward to the term ahead! If you have any questions, please do let us know!

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