

Friday 22nd September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class 3 where myself, Mrs Bachelor and Mrs Dance shall be working with your children on a daily basis. We hope you have had a lovely summer break, which already feels like a very distant memory, and look forward to meeting you over the forthcoming weeks.

Our topic this term is 'To Infinity and Beyond', where we have begun studying the solar system and its planets. This week we enjoyed a wow day involving Nebula paintings, Chocolate Meteorites, Astronaut training, space station construction and Alien paper plate spaceships. It really was a fun packed day, and I have been really impressed by both the creativity and community spirit of the children, who have worked brilliantly as part of a team. Our value this term is 'Compassion' and I can see displays of this in abundance which is a really positive start to the term. Below is an outline of our curriculum for the term, giving you an idea of what your child will be learning.

Maths	English	Topic
A focus on 3 and 6 times tables and relevant division facts. Place Value of up to 4 digit numbers. Addition and Subtraction of up to 4 digit numbers, with understanding of inverse operations. Using co-ordinates for study of star constellations. Exploring time using sundials and moon cycles.	Summarising stories, writing postcards, and penning diary entries using 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram as starting inspiration. Creating a newspaper reports based on our class story 'Cakes in Space' by Sarah McIntyre.	Exploring the planets and our solar system. Learning about space exploration, satellites, and the International space station. Researching famous people on the moon using a timeline. Weather mapping from satellites and drawing maps. Studying sundials and moon cycles to tell time.
Computing & ICT E-safety and staying safe online. Developing skills in fact finding using search engines. Exploring basic coding directions using code.org.	Music Study of Holst's 'The Planets' and Space Odyssey, making comparisons and creating visual drawings of the pieces.	Physical Education Invasion Basketball Dance – creating a contemporary performance using the same pieces of music as mentioned to the left.
Art & Design Chalk pastel solar system drawings. Nebula paintings. Spaceship design and making.	Science Forces and Magnets Satellites Design your own star constellation.	RE/Worship The value this term is compassion. In RE lessons the children will be talking all about the Creation and fall.

We have set a date for Monday 27th November for a homework share, which shall mark the end our space study. I therefore also enclose a sheet with various homework tasks that follows in exactly the

same format as that in Class 2 and Class 3 last year.

On a daily basis your child will bring home a reading journal, and I can't stress enough the value of daily reading, - just five minutes a day, as frequently as possible really does make a big difference. On a weekly basis your child will bring home a spellings book to practice, and will regularly be tested on spellings each Friday. If you require any additional practice sheets for Rainbow Maths, please do not hesitate to ask. We also encourage the use Mathletics to help practice key concepts and arithmetic – your child's login details are stapled into their reading records. Lastly, we practice another maths game called 'Hit the Button' in class which is very popular, and helps consolidate multiplication facts. This can also be played at home and doesn't require a password.

If you have any questions or queries to ask, please do come and see me. I hope to meet you all in due course at the Autumn Parent's Evening.

Kind regards,

Georgina Saddington