

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. We hope you have had a relaxing half term break.

Our **Topic** for this final term is **Space** which we are very excited about. As well as studying the different planets, we will be learning about famous astronauts such as Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. We will also be designing our own space clothing and inventing our own aliens!

In **Science** year 1s will continue their work on Living things and their Habitats. We will look at contrasting environments and we will also learn about simple food chains. Reception children will learn all about mini beasts and the places they like to live. If time permits at the end of the term we will find out about famous scientists.

Our **English** work this term will be based around books with a space theme beginning with Whatever Next! by Jill Murphy. We will be focusing on extending our sentences with different connectives and using a range of punctuation. The Reception children will join in with our literacy work where appropriate focusing on applying their phonic knowledge to write captions and sentences independently. They will continue with learning consonant blends and there will be new tricky words to learn. Please continue to read/practise sounds with your child as much as possible at home- it really does make a difference.

In **Maths** we will be starting with geometry, learning about position and direction, and then we will move onto place value. We will re-visit our work on addition and subtraction using different methods, and apply these methods to solve problems. We will continue with our mental arithmetic sessions focusing on times tables. Please keep up the good maths work at home using Mathletics (don't forget to bring in your certificates to share on a Friday).

This term **PE** will be on a Thursday afternoon with our coach from Simon Carson's Sports Club. The children will be taking part in athletics on the school field. Please ensure that the children have a suitable outdoor PE kit in school at **all** times and also an indoor PE kit in case the weather is not on our side. Please ensure your child's kit is clearly labelled with their name.

## **Forest School**

This term the children will be taking part in Forest School sessions on Monday afternoons, commencing on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June with Mr Houghton. The sessions will be held in all weathers on the school field, so please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing including wellington boots and sun hats. (We will provide waterproofs if needed).

Our RE theme for this term is Creation and Thanksgiving. The focus is on developing the children's understanding of a story about the world's creation and to consider what it means to care for the natural world.

As we are now in the summer term, and hopefully warmer weather, please ensure your child has a sun hat and drinks bottle in school and that sun cream is applied at home if necessary.

As always, please feel free to call in and speak to a member of the Byland team if you have any concerns.

Mrs Bennison and Mrs Wells