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Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you for your kind messages and gifts at Christmas.

Welcome you back! I have been busy over the holidays planning our new class quest 'Space'.

I have planned a variety of learning experiences that are categorised on the attached quest coverage leaflet. Some of the sessions will be team taught with Class 6 and most of the sessions will be as year groups. The core subjects of English and Maths will be taught as usual in year groups as will subjects such as PE, PSHCE, RE (locally agreed syllabus) and music.

The children have already begun their cross-curricular learning and are very enthusiastic. We are currently planning an exciting in-school workshop based around Earth and Space (more information to follow).

This term I would like the children to complete a project about the quest this term. The project is about any aspect of 'Earth and Beyond' that they are fascinated by. This could be a planet, stars, space travel, Apollo missions, how to be an astronaut or even aliens! The project is designed to allow the children to plan their time effectively, gather information from a variety of sources, prepare the information in a variety of ways ready to present their projects to their class. The presentation will involve the children speaking and being supported by the resources they prepare. This could be a mix of ICT, 3D models, posters, handouts, leaflets etc. Hours and hours could be spent on a project like this, so we are hopefully limiting the time spent on the project by asking the presentation to be no more than 3 minutes. I will send more information about this in due course.

I am also planning, with Mr. Penny, a curriculum evening here at school for children and parents of Classes 5 and 6 to enjoy the learning that has been taking place (more information to follow).

Along with this homework project there will also be the usual small amount of home learning expected each week in Class 5. I am always here for the children to talk to. If there are any issues with homework in particular, then I do ask the children to come and see me before emotions take over at home.

Homework is as follows:

- The children will have differentiated, colour-coded, spellings set on each Monday for a test the following Monday. They will also have on-going tricky words to learn in class and three attached to their weekly spelling grid.
- Maths homework will be set on Monday and will be due in the following Monday. This will either be a 'MyMaths' task or written sheet.
- Children will be expected to continue to practise their times tables at home for a weekly review.
- The children are also expected to continue their fantastic reading efforts up by reading at least 4 times a week to an adult at home. Reading record folders are checked on Monday mornings but need to be in school every day please.



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Class 5 have PE sessions on Mondays and Thursdays but may do some extra sport during the week so can I please ask that their **full** kit is in school every day.

If any of you have any interests or expertise in the quest this term and would like to support the learning in some way, or if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me here at school.

I hope you find this information useful.

Many thanks for your on-going support.

Best wishes,

Peter Coupe



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