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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! Christmas seems so far behind us now, but we hope you had an exciting, peaceful and restful Christmas break. We, the Starfish Team, are very excited to welcome you to 2023, with lots of energy to provide the best possible care and teaching for your child.

The children settled into the pre-school setting very well last year and we are excited to see them flourish further this year.

Our topic for this new term will be: "Extraordinary explorers & experimenters"

The key vocabulary we will be using is:

Cold, hot, warm, cool

On, off, switch, power, battery,

Moon, rocket, star, planet, alien, Martian, spaceship, flying saucer, robot,

Shadow, light, block, torch,

Melt, snow, ice

Please practise these words with your child whenever possible.

In our role-play area, we will be creating a space station, "3,2,1...Blast off!" This will provide the children with the opportunity to practise using the new vocabulary in action.

In maths, we will be using positional language: "over, under, through, in front of and behind". We will also be sorting and exploring/ understanding numbers to 3.



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Just a quick reminder, the morning starts at 8:30am and the afternoon session finishes at 3:15pm. Prompt drop off and collections are greatly appreciated, to ensure that we are ready for you.

The books we will be looking at this term will include:

'Me', 'That's Not My Robot', 'Whatever Next', 'Harry & the Robots', 'You Choose in Space' and 'The Gruffalo's Child'.

*Non Fiction winter books will include: 'Blue Penguin', 'Lost and Found'*

The Starfish staff are: Ms McKennon (teacher in charge Mondays-Wednesdays), Mrs Newman (teacher in charge Thursdays and Fridays) and the two pre-school educators Hannah Bruce and Hannah Nash.



Miss McKennon



Hannah B



Mrs Newman



Hannah N

Kind regards,

The Pre-school Staff