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# CLASS 1 CHRONICLE

Reception and Year 1

Issue 2

## Earth and Space

As part of our teaching and learning this term we will be focusing on the topic of earth and space. We have attached a termly plan which shows the main objectives that the children will be covering. This topic could be reinforced at home by encouraging them to look up at the stars when it's dark, following any news about the British astronaut Tim Peak, looking at the planets, reading any stories about space from the library or home or talking about events in the past e.g. Neil Armstrong on the moon.

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## Weekend News Books

All of the children in Class now have a weekend News Book which is sent home on Friday afternoons. We hope that as many children as possible will record, in words and pictures, what they have been up to each weekend. They could include photographs, flyers or tickets of places they have visited. These books will be collected in on a Wednesday morning. We would appreciate it if parents could support their child when writing in this book in the following ways:

### Parents Phonics Session

Thank you to all of the parents who came to the parents phonics session last term. It was lovely to see you all there. We hope that the session has helped you when supporting your child's reading development. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any more support that you

- Letter formation
- Sounding out words
- Giving ideas about what could be drawn
- Finger spaces (if sentences are being written)
- Capital letters (for names and at the beginning of sentences/captions)
- Writing on the lines
- Making letters a consistent size

### Dates and times to remember.....

PE	Tuesday Mornings
Storysacks	Monday Mornings
Drop in sessions	Tuesday Mornings

We DO NOT expect the children in reception to be able to write captions/sentences at this stage. Some children may be able to write short captions with support but a picture and key word would be great. If you feel like your child is capable of writing a short sentence, please support them where necessary and give plenty of praise and encouragement. Thank you.

### How YOU can help!

Many parents ask what they can do at home to help reinforce the learning that takes place in school. The impact of reinforcing the skills developed in school at home is huge. The following list is just a small selection of ideas. As the children in Class 1 are young, we recommend keeping 'homework' sessions short, around 10 mins. This means the children are able to concentrate well and have more enthusiasm and enjoyment for the tasks.

- sharing school reading books (please can you record when you have read with your child in their reading record, thanks)
- encouraging your child to dress and undress independently (this will help them when they have to get changed for PE)
- talk with your child about current topics or learning.
- Support children in writing their name.
- Help your child to complete any homework set for them.

### Warm Clothes

The weather is beginning to get very cold so please could you make sure that your child comes to school wrapped up. We tend to spend quite a bit of time outside so hats and gloves are really important so that the children can enjoy learning outdoors.

