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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays! Here are the curriculum details for the summer term to come. There are lots of exciting topics to cover and lots to look forward to.

In English, our theme is Space to tie in with our history topic on Space Exploration. We will begin with recounts, looking at the book 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartrum, followed by descriptive writing about aliens. We will also be writing some of their own alien recounts. There will be lots of opportunities for non-fiction writing through our topics Space Exploration and Plants. We will also be looking at rhyming poetry. Our emphasis for this whole term will be identifying and writing sentences with interesting vocabulary, using full stops and capital letters consistently, and we will continue to work on correct letter formation and joined handwriting. The children will continue to learn spellings with the emphasis on high frequency words, making sure the children are getting them correct in their own work. These words can be found in the front of their yellow home school diaries. They will also continue to read regularly in guided reading groups and individually with an adult. It would be extremely helpful if children could bring in their reading record and book on a daily basis and could we remind you to comment or sign if you have heard your child read so that we have an accurate record of how much practise the children are receiving. This also earns your child an individual merit each week!

In Maths the children will be learning multiplication and division strategies. We will continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and use this knowledge to learn how to multiply numbers and how to divide or share amounts of objects using arrays. We will also look at ordering and recognising numbers to 100 and beyond and consolidation of place value. The children will be using their number knowledge to solve real life problems involving money and measures and we will be learning how to tell the time to the half past and quarter past. The children will learn about fractions of objects, measures and numbers and use this knowledge to solve word problems. We will also be looking at position and direction using quarter, half, three-quarter and full turns.

In Science the children will continue learning about the weather and how the seasons change. Our main topic will be Plants and we will be learning about how to recognise some common plants and trees found around the school. They will be growing their own plants and seeing what happens to them in different conditions and how to keep them healthy.



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Art will be based around aliens. We will use paint and collage techniques to create our own aliens. We will also be looking at Picasso's sculptures using found objects and use this idea to make junk model aliens. In Design Technology after half-term we will be creating a healthy fruit salad.

Music will continue to be taught through our music scheme 'Charanga' focusing on the unit 'Our imagination' which includes singing, percussion and composition. In RE we will be looking at what happens at a Christian wedding and what we can learn from stories from other religions and PSHE will focus on how we keep our body healthy including healthy eating and exercise.

Our History topic this half-term focuses on Space Explorers, particularly Neil Armstrong and the moon landings, the space race and Yuri Gagarin and Valentina Tereshkova. We will also learn about Helen Sharman and Tim Peake. We will make a time-line of the history of space travel and of Neil Armstrong's life.

In ICT, we will complete ICT units on Digital Painting and Digital Writing linked to our space topic.

Our Geography topic this term is Local Study. In the second half of term the children will be looking at local geography and talking about their journey to school. We will be using maps to walk around the village and create maps of the school.

Please make sure your child has a complete PE kit in school at all times including warm clothes and outdoor shoes. For the Tuesday session we are going to be looking at tennis skills and on Fridays the children will be concentrating on team games and athletics.

Finally, thank you again for your support this year and please do not hesitate to contact us about any concerns you have regarding your child.

Best wishes,

Anna Shepherd and Laurenne Holt

