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Kirkstead

Summer Term 2

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have all had a wonderful half term, lots of family times and I'm sure lots of playing outside. Our new topic is 'Moon Zoom' a topic which is able to inspire and develop knowledge and critical thinking. The children are already excited about it and are loving the 'Kirkstead Space Cruiser' which has landed in our classroom.

Topic – Moon Zoom

How fast does a rocket fly? How long does it take to get to the moon? Which planets can you live on? There are so many things to think about during this topic and we hope to investigate or find out the answers to many of these questions. We are also very lucky during this as we have a planetarium visiting so we will be finding out about the stars.

Mathematics

This term in Reception we will be adding and subtracting and learning all about doubling and halving. Setting challenges linked to time and counting e.g. how many star jumps can you do in 30 seconds, and revising those basic concepts like number recognition, ordering numbers to 20 and finding one more and one less.

English

This term in Reception we will be focusing on creative space stories and instruction writing – how do you make alien slim? We will be doing some work on story telling as well as some non-fiction work on instruction writing and facts about different planets. We are already superstars when it comes to reading and writing however we will continue to develop this and improve our sentence reading and writing and improving letter formation.

Reading

We have a fantastic class of reader and this is due to your hard work so please continue to ensure your child brings in their Reading Record and current reading book to school every day; as this will enable us to monitor your child's reading development and progress throughout the term and year. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home as much as possible and record any comments, queries or issues in their Reading Record also; as these are an excellent means of communication between home and school. During this half term we will also be sending home sentence strips which the children should be using their sounds to read independently, additional information will be sent out about this.

We change books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure, however, that the Reading Record is signed or we will presume your child has not read and therefore not change their reading book.

This term we will be start to use Dojo points, these are awarded for lots of things including reading at home. If you forget to comment on an evening please write it on the next current date (even if that means doubling up), **back dated comments will not be awarded.**

Religious Education (R.E)

This term in **Religious Education** we will be looking at being kind and caring to each other, to animals and to nature. We will then be looking at and discussing things which are special to us. We will also be looking at the story Noah Ark and talking about what this teaches us about God and Noah.

Physical Education (P.E)

This term **PE** will be on **Monday**, weather permitting it will be outside. Please ensure your child has a complete P.E. kit in school, they will need long trousers and a jumper as it is often still cold during the summer months. As items of clothing are regularly 'misplaced', please ensure each item of clothing is **clearly labelled**. P.E kits can remain within school until the end of term when they will be sent home to wash.

Homework

As we move into the summer term homework will be set on **Friday**, and should be returned by the following **Friday**. This is to prepare the children for their transition into year 1. The homework will be simple and fun and linked to what we have been doing that week or to prepare the children for what they will be doing the following week.

Please remember that you are always welcome in Kirkstead. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, or you have any other questions please do not hesitate to come and ask. You can also message me via Dojo!

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