



Kirkstead Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to a new and exciting term.

Topic

This term, our topic is, **'To Infinity and Beyond'** and the children will be experiencing the awe and wonder of space in a pop-up planetarium. They will be learning about space, space travel and learning the different planet names through reading books, watching videos and singing songs. We will be starting by reading the book 'Whatever Next'. The children will also be creating rockets with different materials, starting by creating rockets using 2D shapes.

If your child has any books related to our topic, fiction or non-fiction, and they wouldn't mind sharing them with the class, please send them in.

Reading and Phonics

The children have shown great determination in learning their phonemes and they will continue to be taught daily phonics using the scheme Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. Thank you for supporting them at home with this too.

Decodable books will continue to be sent home on a **Thursday**. Please return them on the following **Thursday**. Please remember the books we have purchased are a valuable resource and we kindly ask that you keep the books in good condition so others may enjoy them too. If the book is not returned to school, your child will not be able to choose a different book. Sharing books will continue to be changed on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

Please record reading in the home school record as dojo points are awarded for daily reading.

Mathematics

This term the children will be using their perceptual subitising skills and developing their skills of visualising arrangements and quantities up to 7. There will be lots of use of dice patterns for number and playing track games. The children will build on their number bond knowledge and explore representing quantities in different ways. There will be lots of opportunities for counting different objects and actions. The children will also be ordering numbers. The children would also benefit from playing board games with dice at home too, counting opportunities in their everyday activities and opportunities to find and name different numerals too.

P.E.

PE will continue to take place every week on **Monday**. Please send your child to school in their PE kit with their school uniform and school shoes in a separate bag ready to get changed into after PE. All of your child's school uniform, shoes and PE kit must be named. The P.E kit should be appropriate for indoor and outdoor P.E and should consist of a **white t-shirt and black shorts**.

Forest School

The children will be continuing to take part in weekly outdoor Forest School sessions and they will **need to have clothing appropriate for the ever-changing weather**. The Forest School clothing was sent home last term so if you haven't already, can you please send in clothing for the outdoor sessions this term. This should

consist of named trousers, long sleeved top and wellies or boots. When it is really cold, gloves, hats and scarves are advisable too.

Homework

Homework will be given out each Friday in the homework folder and is expected back in school on the following Thursday. The children will receive a phonics home learning task every week.

Fruit and Water

The children will continue to have access to a healthy snack (piece of fruit) each day. We encourage drinking water regularly so please send your child in with fresh water every day in their named water bottle.

Picking up after school

If someone other than the usual person will be picking up your child after school, please let us know.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us via Class dojo if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,

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