



April 2016

Dear parent/carer

We would like to welcome back all our pupils, and their families, after the Easter break. We hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

During this term, we shall continue to have high expectations of our pupils. It is important that they remain organised. Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment in school for all lessons and that the planner and reading record is used to record daily reading at home. Please ensure that all uniform and equipment is clearly labelled.

Over the summer term we will be focusing on two topics, the first of which is 'Time, Place, Earth and Space'; this will be for 6 weeks. In the second half of term we will be looking at 'Pictures, Paintings and Photographs.' During these units, we will be focusing on History, Science, Art and Design and Technology.

In History, we'll be investigating:

- The space race and the different countries involved
- The history of space exploration
- Why countries wanted to explore space
- The importance of space exploration
- The history of photographs
- Different artists throughout time.

In Science, we'll be investigating:

- Why we have night and day
- The different planets and their order
- If other planets could support life
- How photographs are taken and how they are developed.

In Art, we'll be investigating:

- How to use blend colours to create pictures of planets
- How to create our own planet
- How to use observation skills and shading skills to create still life pictures
- Different media including sculpture, print and drawing
- A range of materials that can be used in art
- How to recreate and adapt artists' pictures
- Aboriginal art
- How art can inspire creative writing and create stories based on pictures.

In Design and Technology, we'll be investigating:

- What makes an effective space vehicle - children will create a space vehicle which they will then test in class



- How to create a rocket out of different materials
- How to use recycled materials to create our own modern art sculptures.

Forthcoming events

As part of our art topic we would like to arrange for a local artist to come and talk to the children. If you are an artist or know any artists, please get in touch with Mr Donald.

We look forward to Sports Day on Thursday 23 June (Friday 24 June reserve day).

You will receive your child's annual report in July and it will be followed by an opportunity to discuss this with the class teacher.

It has been a continued pleasure for us to work with Year 3 and we look forward to a positive and successful summer term.

Yours sincerely

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