Curriculum Letter

5th January

Dear Parents/ carers,

Welcome back to a new year. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday and that the children have had a chance to recharge their batteries.

We have a busy term planned. Our new topic is ‘Blast Off’ which will have a heavy Science focus. Children will be deepening their understanding of the Earth and beyond and will be carrying out some interesting investigations. We are lucky enough to have a planetarium in school where children will be able to explore and experience the wonders of the Universe. We will also be learning about forces where children will test out a hypotheses and draw detailed conclusions of their findings. Our space topic will also be prominent in our art this term. In DT, children will plan, build and evaluate a space buggy. As SATs are drawing nearer, a huge focus of this term will be continuing to develop literacy and numeracy skills. We will continue to learn the Y6 spellings and grammar and will complete practise SATs tests to get children used to the style of questions. Please see the topic overview for more information on each subject.

Homework will continue as normal this term. Children will receive numeracy and literacy each week and have a new spelling booklet complete with the whole of the Spring term’s spellings which will be tested each Wednesday. Homework will be given out each Thursday and will be due in every Wednesday. It is very important that children read each night (even fluent readers) and practise their Y56 curriculum spellings (the words which are not yet highlighted). I have attached a glossary of some of the key grammar vocabulary that children need to know and will be tested on in SATs. Please continue to support your child’s learning of these by checking their understanding of these at home.

Please ensure your child has their complete PE kit in school. This should include warm clothes at this time of year as they will be going outside every Thursday in most weathers.

Year Six will be working together this term to collect Secret Student points. A child is picked at random at the beginning of the day and secretly monitored throughout the day to see if they are following the class rules and working hard. The target this term is 80% - Good Luck!

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding your child’s learning.

Yours sincerely

Miss O’Connor