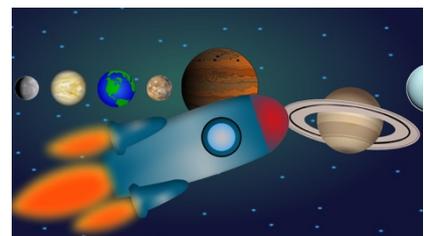


Welcome back to the new term. We have enjoyed talking to the children about what they did over the holidays, and it has been lovely to see them return to school full of energy and enthusiasm.

We want to thank you all for joining us at our Enchanted Story Time on Friday. It was lovely to see so many of you there enjoying some special moments with your child.



During this half term we will be learning all about space and using many interesting books to help us. We have set up a space station, writing den and space small world area within our classroom and we hope that this will capture the children's imaginations and will lead to lots of exciting learning opportunities. We are hoping to book a school trip to the planetarium in March which will link to our topic. We will send out the date and details closer to the time. If you have any junk modelling materials, including cereal boxes and bottles, please save them and send them in with your child, as they can be used to make fantastic rockets and other space related items.



It is great to see the progress that the children are making with their reading. Please continue to record in your child's reading log every time they read to you at home so that we can change their books regularly. We are still working through our phase 3 sounds and tricky words and the extra support you give your children at home really does help them at school, thank you!

Please note that P.E. is on Wednesday morning and we will be focussing on gymnastics this term. Please ensure that your child's P.E. kit comes to school and all items of clothing are clearly named, in order to help your child develop

their independence. It is really important that all of your child's school uniform is labelled as when they remove it for PE it is very easy to get mixed up.

Within maths we are learning how to count in 2's, order and recognise numbers, exploring 2D and 3D shapes and learning about time, seasons and months of the year.

In English we continue to develop our independent writing skills and we will be focusing on handwriting this term. We will be writing postcards from Baby Bear on the moon to creating our own stories, posters and writing instructions. We will also be encouraging the children to talk about and describe the characters and main events in the stories we share together.

I have posted some very useful links onto the Reception class page on our St Mary's website. This contains up to date links to maths, phonics, reading and writing resources which we are covering in class so please visit this page regularly for updates and resources that you can use to support your child at home.

☆☆ We are currently looking for any role play dress up costumes, vehicles, space toys and home corner resources. If you have any old toys which you wish to donate please speak to the Reception team, thank you! ☆☆

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss O'Reilly, Mrs Walker and Miss Stothard

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