



Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely time during the Summer Holidays and we are delighted to welcome your children back for an exciting Autumn term in Classes 1B and 1M.



Our Curriculum Theme:

This term the children will be working towards answering the ESSENTIAL QUESTION 'How High is The Sky?' The project will start with the story of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will be planting our own beans, taking care of them and observing their growth. We will continue to climb beyond the beanstalk, getting into our rockets and travelling into SPACE. There will be lots of opportunity for creative writing including descriptions of the castle, a wanted poster of the giant and fact files about planets and the solar system. The project will cover a range of curriculum areas with lots of new vocabulary and investigation opportunities.

Other Curriculum Areas

- In maths we will be exploring place value, addition and subtraction.
- P.E will be focusing on fine motor skills and balance.
- Our project will lead to making our own planets, building rockets and showing these to our peers.

Home Learning:

- This term's creative homework grid is included overleaf. There will also be a copy of this printed in your child's home learning journal. Please can you ensure that your child completes their homework with care and on time and that their home learning journal is handed in every Monday.
- Children need to come to school **each day with their reading book and record**. We expect them to read at home for 10 minutes every night with an adult.
- Spelling will be sent home once a week.
- We will also be sending home phonics words and sounds.

General Reminders...

- The children will be doing PE twice a week. They need to have their PE kits in school **every day**.
- **We are currently organizing two exciting events:**

A visit to the Literature Festival and for the Space Dome to visit the Year 1 classes. Details of both of these will follow.

If you have any questions, please ask a member of the Year 1 team, we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your support,
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<u>HOME LEARNING GRID</u>	<p><i>Please choose 1 activity each week. During the term, choose at least 1 from each row and tick it off or highlight it once you have completed it.</i></p> <p><i>Homework needs to be completed and ready to present to your Class and Teacher each Monday. Home Learning Journals will come home each Tuesday.</i></p>		
<p>How High is the Sky? Learning Opportunities</p>			
English (Creative and Logical Learner)	Imagine you find some magic seeds. What would grow from the seeds and where would it take you?	Write a postcard from the moon all about your adventures.	Pretend that you are an astronaut. Write down 4 things you would pack to go into space and why you would take them.
Maths & Problem Solving (Logical Learner)	Roll a dice twice and add the numbers together. Do this 5 times and write the number sentence in your book.	Write the numbers 1-20. How many more can you do?	How many times can you jump in a minute? How many times can you star jump in a minute? Have a guess first then see if you were right!
Science and the environment (Creative, Logical and Kinesthetic Learner)	Find out about different materials around your house. Make a list of the different materials and what objects they are, e.g. fabric - curtain.	Think about a knight. What materials would be best for making his armour? Explore different materials to find your answers.	Go on a material hunt around your house...find 10 different objects. Can you group those materials? What are the similarities and differences?
Humanities and Citizenship (Auditory and Logical Learner)	Draw and label a picture of an astronaut.	Find out 3 facts about a planet of your choice.	Design a planet you would like to live on. Draw a picture to show your idea.
Creative Arts (Creative and Kinesthetic Learner)	Make your own weird and wonderful alien.	Think about the castle Jack saw in the story. Can you make your own model castle?	Can you make some food suitable for a trip to the moon? Take a picture with a short description and stick it into your Homework Book.
ICT can be used where appropriate in all subjects			



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