



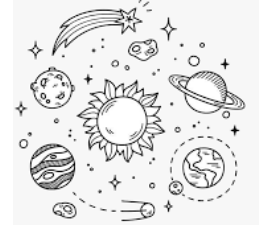
Dear Parents

5th January 2022

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a happy and relaxing Christmas holiday and wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

Our topic this term is **Space – to infinity and beyond!** The children are already excited about the learning and activities we have planned. Some of the areas and key questions the children will be exploring over the term are:

- What do we know about the planets in our Solar System?
- Who were Neil Armstrong and Katherine Johnson? Who are Helen Sharman and Tim Peake? Why are they important?



As the WOW entry point to our topic, we are planning lots of activities including some astronaut training in the hall!

As well as learning about Space, you will see from the attached Curriculum Map that the children will be learning many new and exciting concepts and facts such as identifying the continents and oceans, making 3D planets and learning about the lives of famous people such as Neil Armstrong and Helen Sharman.

Another important date for your diary is our **Year One Parent Meeting**. You will be able to access the video on the Year One page of the school website from **Monday 10th January 2022**.

This term, the meeting will provide details of 'housekeeping' points for the year group and it will have a significant curriculum focus of Phonics. We will show you the resources used during the **Phonics Screening Check** which takes place during the week of **6th June 2022** and we will show you many of the resources we use in school. We appreciate how busy you all are, however please try and take the time to watch this short video as it will give you lots of information about the check and ways in which you can support your child. Your support makes a huge difference to your child's achievements. If you have any queries following the video, please see your child's class teacher or email: year1@horley.surrey.sch.uk.

We would like to thank you once again for your continued support. Please check the back of this letter for more diary dates.

Best wishes

Sarah Carliell

Rebecca Andrews
and
Anna Hill

Ellie Day

Blackbirds

Badgers

Hedgehogs

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 4th January	INSET – School closed for children
Wednesday 5th January	BACK TO SCHOOL – Year 1 Space Day
Monday 10th January	Parent Meeting video available on Year 1 page of our school website
Tuesday 8th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 11th February	INSET – NO SCHOOL
14th – 20th February	Half Term
Monday 21st February	Back to school
Thursday 24th February	Parent Consultations by telephone
Tuesday 1st March	Parent Consultations by telephone
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Friday 11th March	Blackbirds Class Assembly – available to parents as a video on school website
Friday 18th March	Hedgehogs Class Assembly – available to parents as a video on school website
Friday 25th March	Badgers Class Assembly – available to parents as a video on school website
Friday 1st April	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 19th April	Back to school