

# STEDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

And before you know it, we are back! Welcome to another brand new year back in Foxes class. It's quite a short term this one, and we've got a lot to fit in, so let's get cracking!

## Maths and English lessons

It's pretty much as you'd expect in maths and literacy this term: in maths we plan to look at shape, space and measure as well as our usual units on number. As we approach the end of the term the Year sixes will begin practising hard for the dreaded SATs in May, but let's not talk about that too much now!

In literacy, we will be looking at work related to our topic of '**Earth and Space**' and will be writing stories, reports and other types of writing to fit in with this topic. While we are on the subject of literacy, we are going to try something new this term, which may need a bit of parental support to begin with. Basically, we are trying to increase the children's love of reading so we thought it would be a good idea for them to take ownership of filling in their reading journal/planner. If you could remind your child whenever they have done any private reading, or should time allow (!) reading with you, could you get them to jot down the date and the title of the book in the reading records section on their planner?

## Topic

As mentioned above, our topic this term is **Earth and Space**. This of course means we have a very science based term ahead of us. We will be looking at the planets and other spherical bodies in space; if there is any life in space; and an investigation to visualise just how big each planet is. We will also be undertaking a smaller unit on light, looking at how shadows are formed, how to tell the time by using the sun and the different types of light.



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For one afternoon each week, we will be mixing up as a whole school in order to do some enrichment activities in mixed aged groups, these include construction, gardening, knitting or sewing and sports. This is a new idea and should be every exciting for everyone!

### PE

Children need to have their PE kit in school every day please. As usual one of the two PE sessions a week will be led by Aspire.

### Art

In art we will be focusing on drawing some of the planets and looking at various artists that have turned their hand to drawing, sketching or painting the sky at night.

### RE & Music

RE and music will be taught this term by the wonderful Mr Cella. This term, in RE, the children will be looking at the different stories of creation and a more focused study of the Christian story of Easter.

In Music, the children to continue to build on what they have learnt last term, this time looking at Holst's 'Planets', looking through each planet in turn and doing a small unit of work on each one.

### French & PSHCE

French and PSHCE this term are again being taught by Mrs Dreckmann. In French, the children will be revising names and greetings; how they feel; age; where they live; revision of numbers 1-30; and revision of days and months. In PSHCE, Foxes class will be looking at a brand new unit of work: where they will be undertaking a study in E-safety.

*As you can see an exciting and busy term ahead, with lots of exciting new things to enjoy! Please can you listen to your child read as much as possible and practice their spellings and times tables. If you ever have any concerns, please do pop in and talk to me.*

Thank you!

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