



'Blast Off!'

Overview Letter for Key Stage One – Term 3

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and we would like to wish you all a very happy new year.

It promises to be a very busy and exciting term, as we begin 2018 with a journey into Space with our new Space themed topic 'Blast Off!' Three of our Key Stage One classes have class assemblies this term, in addition to STEM week, Swindon Town football sessions and a planned visit from the Explorer Dome Company. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Lethbridge for funding the Explorer Dome for us, as it is always such an enjoyable and valuable experience for the children. Please see below for a list of other upcoming events:

Term 3 Events:-

8<sup>th</sup> January: KS1 Parent Meeting 5.30-6.00pm.

11<sup>th</sup> January: 2JK/HR Class Assembly.

18<sup>th</sup> January: 1/2 LP Class Assembly.

Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January: STEM Week (*Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics*).

23<sup>rd</sup> January: Explorer Dome.

1<sup>st</sup> February: 1CB/BL Class Assembly.

9<sup>th</sup> February: End of Term – Non Uniform Day (*Fundraising Day – more information to follow*).

Please find the following documents attached to this letter for your reference:

- A topic web to provide you with an overview of the term.
- A new list of homework projects that your child can choose to complete in exchange for a small prize.

English

We will begin the term by introducing the children to the fun world of 'riddles.' The children will have opportunities to read and recite riddles, prior to writing their own. They will then use their research findings in History and Computing to inform their factual writing about the Solar System and significant figures who have travelled into Space.

Maths

In Maths this term, the children will predominantly focus on learning about the concepts of shape, fractions, money, time and measures. The children will also continue to work on improving their mental arithmetic and recall of number facts.

We hope that as many of you as possible can attend our Key Stage One Parent Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January. During the meeting, we aim to provide you with further information regarding the expectations of the Key Stage One curriculum, the Year 1 Phonic Screening Check, Year 2 SATs and strategies for supporting your child's learning at home.

Best wishes,

Year 1 & 2 Team

