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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new school year! We hope you have enjoyed the sunshine this summer and are ready to begin an exciting term of learning for Year 5. Up until Christmas our Topic will be 'Mission to Mars'. Within this topic we will be focusing on different aspects of space, including facts about planets in the solar system and the history of space exploration. If you know anyone with an interest, skill or fascinating information related to this please let your class teacher know. To launch ourselves into 'Mission to Mars' we will be creating a human solar system and entering an ESA (European Space Agency) competition to name the next Mars Rover. Please visit https://www.esa.int/Our_Activities/Human_Spaceflight/Name_Europe_s_robot_to_roam_and_search_for_life_on_Mars and get your thinking caps on to help your child come up with an impressive and unusual name!

During this term we will be extending our Science knowledge of the solar system and the location of the planet Earth and its movements, along with discovering different types of forces through practical experiments. Children will receive specialist Art teaching once a week to build on their skills, using a range of mediums to produce space themed artwork. An educational visit to 'We the Curious' will bring out the inquisitive Scientist in both adults and children and a 3d planetarium show focusing on the planet Mars and alien lifeforms will support learning in the classroom.

Within English, Year 5 will be studying 'Robin Hood' producing a variety of writing based around this legend. Presentation and handwriting will be an initial focus in our learning, please encourage your child to join their writing and form letters as neatly as possible. We will also link some of our English learning to our Topic. Children will experience astronaut training, produce information reports and use their imaginations to think about life on other planets. In Maths, children will begin the term developing and explaining their understanding of place value before moving onto addition and subtraction learning. As in previous Years we will continue to practice multiplication and division facts. Having a quick recall of times tables and division facts is really important for children in Year 5 as these skills are required to achieve many aspects of Maths learning.

Homework expectations this year include reading at **least three times per week**, learning spellings and a weekly English and Maths task. Homework books should be handed in on a **Thursday** so home learning can be checked and efforts celebrated. Homework books will be **returned on a Friday**. P.E this term will be on a Monday for 5TM and a Friday for 5SR. Please make sure your child has their full school P.E kit, including sensible footwear, on this day.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Riseborough and Miss Millett

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