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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 designing and building our own vessels to take us to Mars. In order to complete our mission, we will need as much junk modelling as possible and we will be grateful for any donations. Thank you in advance!

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 with Mrs May to build on their skills, using a range of mediums to produce space themed artwork. An educational visit to 'We the Curious', Bristol, 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 British legend. Presentation and handwriting will be an initial focus in our learning, therefore we ask that you 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 vital for children in Year 5 as these skills are required to achieve many aspects of Maths learning. If you would like to support your child in practicing these at home, please speak to any member of the Year 5 team.

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, marked and efforts celebrated. Homework books will be **returned to your child on a Friday**. P.E. this term will be on a **Monday** for 5AS and 5SI. Please make sure your child has their full school P.E. kit, including suitable footwear on this day. During the winter months your child may wear black tracksuit bottoms or leggings for P.E.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr Sturgeon, Miss Ireson and the Year 5 team

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