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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Thank you to all those who visited our WW1 exhibition at the end of last term. It was clear to see that the children had worked very hard and learned lots. Please find this half term's topic plan attached. The topic is called "Stargazers" and we will be learning about the Earth, Moon and Sun and about our Solar System. We kicked off this topic yesterday with a visit to the Planetarium in our hall, which was a fantastic way to start. Thank you very much to all parents that sent in contributions to cover the cost of this. If you have not already done so, and wish to contribute, please send donations into the school office. We were asking for £2 per child.

Reading

From this term, all classes will have a class reading area. The children will select their home reading books from this area under the direction of their class teachers. They will be guided towards books that are the appropriate level of difficulty for their stage of reading. This book is to be read at home, with parents/carers. The children should record their books in their Reading Journal. These books can be changed, by the children, when they are finished. Children are also free to record any other reading they do at home, including their own books, library books, magazines etc.

In school, there will be a daily Guided Reading lesson, led by the class teacher. This is where reading skills are taught and practised. In addition, each class will have a weekly timetabled slot in the school library. They may choose one library book per week to bring home. This book is in addition to their "reading book" and is a free choice. Library books should be returned/renewed each week.

Reading is an important part of your child's homework. They should read daily for 20-30 minutes. The aim is to promote reading for pleasure, so please encourage your child to talk about what they are reading. Ideas for choosing books can be found here:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

All the children have been signed up to the Read Theory website to help with reading comprehension. They are encouraged to use this at home too.

<https://readtheory.org/>

Times tables

In addition to the weekly homework that is set, it is vital that all children learn and practice their times tables regularly. By Year 5, children are expected to know all of their tables up to 12x. The following website has some fun ways to keep practising:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

All the children have been signed up to the Sumdog website to play maths games:

<https://www.sumdog.com/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch

Yours sincerely

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