

Dear Parents,

We would like to start by welcoming both you and your child back to Acorn class.

We are really excited about the new year ahead.

Our topic this term is 'Blast Off- To infinity and Beyond.' Overleaf there is a planning grid, detailing planned activities for this term.

### How to help meeting

We would like to invite you to a meeting to discuss how you could help your child at home, on Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of September at 9am.

### Reading

Reading Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If your child has read their book before it is due to be changed, please re read their book with them and continue to ask them questions about what they have read. Your child will read with an adult at least once a week, this will be recorded in their reading diary. Your child will also read during their daily phonic sessions, during small group activities and guided reading sessions.

### Phonics

Phonics will be taught on a daily basis during Year 1. In the Summer Term your child will undertake the national phonics screening test. This is a test that all Year 1 children take. We will invite you in to school nearer the time to discuss the screening test in more detail.

Please find attached some book marks with tricky words and key words that we are reviewing in our phonics sessions. These are for you to read with your child at home, so that your child can eventually learn to read these words automatically.

### Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday, and collected in on a Wednesday. We will be giving one homework task per week. This term we will be setting weekly maths tasks, and this will alternate each term.

We ask that you also continue to read with your child at home.

### PE

PE will be taught on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school on this day. We would like to ask that all items of clothing be labelled with your child's name.

### Forest School

Forest School sessions will be on Tuesday afternoons throughout the year. The first session will be on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of September.

### Home toys

We ask that children do not bring home toys in to school to avoid the upset of these toys being lost or damaged.

If you have any questions, now or during the year please do come and talk to us after school.

We look forward to a successful and happy year ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Cooksley and Mrs Bladon

