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Dear Parents,

Welcome to an exciting term 3, where we'll be taking off with our new 'The Space Race' topic. Even after the first couple of days back at school, the pupils are already asking a number of questions about the planets, spacecraft and the stars. We will be studying everything from the first astronauts who travelled into space, to the adventures and questions posed by the classic novel 'The War of the Worlds' by H. G. Wells.

A main focus of this term's topic will be science, where we'll be finding out about the solar system, and how the Earth, sun and moon interact with each other. History will also be an important subject, as the timeline of space travel will be studied, alongside contemporary culture - the music, television and art of the 1960s.

With our English work, we will be learning about biographies and newspaper reports, and will then be able to write our own centring around Neil Armstrong and the first moon landing. Our science-fiction class novel will be an inspiration for our computing work, where we will be creating animations and music, to portray the Martians landing!

In maths, we will be developing further knowledge into fractions, and we will continue to complete geometry tasks, from measuring the angles of 2D shapes, to understanding the properties of various 3D shapes. As well as recapping how to use the formal written methods for the four operations when solving word problems, the pupils will also be continuing with their learning of how to multiply and divide by 6, 7, 8 and 9, ready for their weekly times table tests.

Finally, our outside PE will be basketball on a Wednesday afternoon for 5Oak and 5Ash, and Thursday afternoon for 5Maple. Indoor PE will be gymnastics on a Monday afternoon for 5Maple and 5Ash, and Thursday afternoon for 5Oak.

Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit and has appropriate clothing for indoor and outdoor PE. We will also continue the policy of getting out for break times and lunch times in a variety of weather conditions, so we would like the children to have appropriate coats for the conditions. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with us either by ringing the office or emailing the school (we will respond as soon as we can). Thank you for your patience and support.

Best Wishes

Mr Stratton (5Maple), Mrs Dendy-Taylor (5Ash) and Mr Tye (5Oak)

