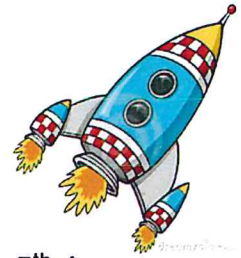




Welcome back!



5th January

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Christmas and are looking forwards to getting back to school for Term 3.

This term's topic is "Space" through which children will be learning about the Moon and planets, Tim Peake's mission to the International Space Station and each week will be based around a space themed book. One of the activities planned is to build rockets from junk materials and it would be really helpful if you could save any empty plastic bottles, small boxes or tubes – but not toilet roll tubes please. We will also be holding a special **"Space day" on Friday 2nd February**, this will include coming to school dressed up as something Space related, making space food and launching rockets!

In the week beginning Monday 5th February we will be celebrating Chinese New Year and having a go at dragon dancing, trying Chinese food– complete with chop-sticks, and making Chinese lions. The topic newsletter will be on the school website shortly and I will send home more information regarding special events closer to the time.

The Secret Story Teller: We would like to start something new this term, aimed at developing children's love of books and stories, and we need your help... The Secret Story Teller is a time each week when a secret special guest (Mum, Dad, Grandparent etc) comes into school to read the children a story (you can bring your own or borrow one from our library). The crucial part is that the children do not know who the secret story teller is going to be each week. It would be brilliant if we could arrange for each child to have someone from their family to be the secret story teller at some point. We are hoping to do one session per week and are happy to be flexible with days and times so please let me know if you are interested!

Show and Tell: Next week we'll start our Space topic and will be reading the story Alien's Love Underpants so for show and tell children need to design an alien, think of a name for it, how it moves and what it eats etc.

PE: Children will continue to do PE on a Monday and Wednesday but will need kit everyday.

Kind regards,

Miss England