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## Upper Key Stage 2 Spring Newsletter

Welcome to Upper Key Stage 2 and Spring Term 2! We hope you have all had a great break and you are ready for another exciting term in Year 5 and 6.

This term, as always, has plenty of opportunity for fun and frolics, including **National Space Centre (Year 5 & Year 6)** (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February), **Parents Evening** (Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March (3:30 – 7:00pm) and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March (3:30 – 5:30pm)), **Science Week** (wb Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March) and **Ramsey Assembly** (Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March). Please keep your eyes, ears and fingers peeled for more information about upcoming events at Swineshead St Mary's and within the local community on <http://www.suttertonswinesheadfederation.co.uk/>.

Our topic for this and the first half of next term is 'Stargazers', where we will look at our solar system: writing mnemonics for the order of the planets; finding information about the individual planets and designing Mars rovers and rockets.

To link to our topic, our science this term will be all about forces, including gravity. We will learn about how we get night and day and how much we would weigh on the different planets. In RE we will be studying religion in our neighbourhood and community.

### Reading

All children will receive a level-appropriate reading book and reading record. It is important that children are spending **at least** 10 minutes each day reading their book. It would be great if you could share reading time together and talk about the book but if you are unable to do this, please could you still fill in your child's reading record indicating what he/she has read independently. Dojo Points will be awarded each time your child reads at home, but only if their reading record has been signed by an adult. If you would like to know more about how you can support your child or you have any concerns about their reading, please don't hesitate to ask.

### Homework

Homework will be set in mathematics and English on a **Thursday** and will be expected in on the following **Monday**. The homework will be set and marked by your child's subject teacher. Spellings homework will be set on a **Friday** and be due in the following **Friday**, when the spellings will be tested.

In addition, there will be a project based Topic homework each term – sent out at the end of last term. They can choose from the list given and the quality of the work submitted should reflect the

amount of time spent on each piece (a minimum of 3 hours' work). All writing should be that of the child and not simply 'copied and pasted' off the internet or from a reference book.

**P.E.**

PE lessons will be on **Monday** and **Wednesday** or **Thursday** afternoons depending on your child's group. Children need to bring a full PE kit, consisting of black/navy shorts and white t-shirt, with plimsolls for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor PE. Tracksuit bottoms and tops should be worn over the PE kit during colder weather. Long hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed for all PE sessions.

We are again looking forward to working with your child this year and we hope it will be a positive experience for all! If you have any concerns about any matter or you would like to discuss any issues with us, please feel free to contact us through Class Dojo or make an appointment at the Office and we will do our best to help.

Kind regards,

Mr T. Grove, Miss H. Ratcliff, Mrs J. Hutchinson and Mrs V. Dinesh