



Upper Beeding Primary School

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Spring Term 2024 – Years 5 and 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our theme this term is ***'To Infinity and Beyond'***. We are very much looking forward to investigating our solar system. We have attached a topic plan so that you can see some of the key activities and learning journeys the children will be covering. If you are a Space expert or have any interesting items or resources to share with the children we would love to hear from you!

World War Two

We have come to the end of our Autumn topic, 'World War Two'. Your child will be bringing their completed topic book home to share with you. Please could you add a comment on the review sheet about your child's work this term and return to school no later than **Monday 15th January 2024**.

Science Museum Visit and Space Wow Day

We are very excited to announce that we have booked our education trip for this term to the Science Museum in London! The trip will take place on **Wednesday 7th February 2024**.

We have also arranged a Space Wow Day on **Wednesday 17th January 2024**. Children will experience a number of 'Astronaut Training' training activities including a Virtual Reality workshop. They will simultaneously blast off into space, piloting their research vessels around planets and moons, learning about the solar system. *Full details of both will be sent to you shortly.*

Class Assemblies

If you would like to see your child taking part in their class assembly, the dates for this term are as follows:

USA CLASS (Mr Jones) – **Monday 11th March** (2.45-3.10pm)

PE

Unfortunately, towards the end of last term, some children were beginning to forget their PE kit and as we have limited spares at school it is not always possible to provide an alternative. Please could you ensure that your child has their named kit in school so that they are able to participate fully in all PE and Games sessions. The children should wear either a white t-shirt or a t-shirt of their House colour. Appropriate footwear is needed for PE sessions on the playground or field. As the weather can be quite cold at this time of year, children are permitted to wear a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms for outside games lessons – please can these be plain/non-logo and navy blue in colour.



Children are not permitted to borrow kit from other children, or wear their school uniform to participate in PE and Games.

If your child is unable to participate in a session due to illness or injury, please either inform the office or send a short note in to your child's class teacher.

PE days

The days for PE lessons are detailed below.

MOROCCO CLASS (Mr Moule) – Wednesday and Friday (swimming – last session 1st March)

BRAZIL CLASS (Mr Long) – Thursday and Friday

USA CLASS (Mr Jones) – Thursday and Friday



Homework

We will be sending home our *'To Infinity and Beyond'* homework grid this week. This system is intended to give the children more independence and choice as to what they would like to do to extend their own learning. Your child will select a task to complete every two weeks, over the term.

Pupils will also receive a mathematics task from their teacher each week and a grammar activity. Each piece of homework should take **up to** 45 minutes.

Your child will bring home a spelling list each week.

The handing in dates for homework are as follows:

- Grammar homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday.
- Maths homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday, as well as practising their times tables.
- In addition to this homework, children will be expected to read on a regular basis.
- Weekly spelling lists will be sent home each week for the children to practice.



If your child is unable to complete a task in the time allocated or is unable to hand the work in on the set date, please let the class teacher know.

Occasionally, we may send pieces of work home to be completed. This is to ensure that your child does not fall behind the majority of the class and become overwhelmed with trying to complete several tasks during the school day.

Healthy Lunchboxes

As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy lifestyles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a balanced packed lunch. If your child would like a snack at breaktime, please can you ensure that they bring a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks.



Please **do not** send your child to school with **nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts** as we do have children in the school who are severely allergic to such items.

Your child should be encouraged to bring a **water bottle to school** – these should not be used for drinking squash or fruit juice.

SATs

Our Year 6 pupils will start preparing for their end of Key Stage assessments during this term. If you have any questions about the tests, or the preparations that the children will be doing in school, please do not hesitate to ask. A letter has also been sent inviting you to purchase SATs revision books at a discounted price. SATs week will start from **Monday 12th May 2024**.

If you have any concerns or fabulous ideas that we could implement at school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jones, Mr Moule and Mr Long
Year 5/6 Class Teachers

