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*Widening Horizons, Raising Aspirations*

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**Foundation Stage – Elmer and Paddington**

This term we are learning about space and our topic is called 'To Infinity and Beyond'. The children will be learning about fact and fiction linked to the topic. We started with an enrichment day on Thursday – the children all looked amazing thank you.

English this term is focusing on finding out facts – using videos, songs, the Internet and non-fiction books to find out answers to our questions about space. We will continue to work on our letter formation, sounding out and writing simple words. Books we will be focusing on include: On the way back home, The Smeds and the Smoos, Whatever Next and Astro Girl – we hope the children enjoy listening to these stories. Phonics starts with a review of all the phonemes we have learnt so far before continuing with our Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs. In maths, we are focusing on numbers up to 8 – what they look like, how to write them, different ways of making them and 1 more/less than them. We will also be introducing mass and capacity. In their child initiated time we hope to see the children creating their own rockets and spaceships, designing planets and aliens, making alien slime and craters in the moon's surface.

P.E. this term is still on a Monday, so please make sure your child has their PE kit on. Weather permitting, we will continue to go to Forest School on a Tuesday – please make sure wellies and warm clothes are brought into school too.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support. We would also like to express a huge thank you to Miss Campbell who we sadly say goodbye to today. She is off on a new exciting chapter of her life and we would like to wish her the best of luck.

**Year 1 – Jeffers and Carle**

Welcome back to Term 3, we are fully immersed into Year 1 now and children are continuing to develop and work towards independence. This term is another full term of exciting learning. Throughout our English lessons we will be looking at some exciting new books based around the sea; our first book is The Secret of Black Rock and our second book for the term is The Storm Whale. In maths, we will be looking at numbers up to 20 and understanding place value, whilst using addition and subtraction.

We will continue to work on our Phonics and introduce more structured reading sessions to support children apply what they learn in their phonics.

This term we will be learning more about Geography, Design and Technology, RSHE, Computing, Science and PE. During our Geography learning we will be looking at what the weather is like in the UK. This will include doing some weather walks around Briary grounds. Design and Technology, will introduced us to making puppets and different ways we can join fabric. In RSHE, we will be exploring our dreams and goals and how we can achieve our goals and celebrating when we do succeed. Science this term we will be exploring Materials, looking at everyday materials and their properties.

PE this term will be on a Monday and Thursday. Monday will be dance and Thursday will be tri-golf outside, so please make sure the children are dressed appropriately.

We look forward to another fun filled term with you all.

Some general reminders:

- As the weather is likely to change, please send your child in dressed appropriately. Please can we ask that all items of clothing are clearly named so that they can be returned to their rightful owner.
- Spare clothes and carrier bags can be kept at school in case a change of clothes is needed
- Reading record books need to be signed and dated when you have read with your child. Our aim is for every child to read at least 3 times a week, please do try and help your child's class be the reading champions for the week
- Please could your child bring a named water bottle in each day

We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week!

Kind Regards,

**The Early Years Team**