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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Autumn Term in Drinnick class (Year 5)**

I hope you had a great Summer and are looking forward to the new school year!

If you have any questions about the content of this letter or any other concerns at all, please don't hesitate to pop in after school or ring me on the above number.

#### **Curriculum:**

For the first half of the Autumn term we will be studying our new topic called '**To the Stars**'. This unit is mainly Science based and will focus on key areas of learning about our solar system. As much of our curriculum learning as possible will take place through this topic. There is an abundance of learning material around Space online and it would be fantastic if your child was able to access some of these from home. Our class page on E-schools has links to some websites as a good starting point. Any other resources you are able to find (for example, books at the library) would be a real help. Our second unit will be '**Poles Apart**'- a geography based unit focusing on the polar regions.

We feel that a cross curricular approach is key to maintaining interest and real life relevance for our children. We will be teaching English and Maths every day. Most of our English, including fiction and non-fiction genres will link to our topic. In Maths we are going to continue our focus on 'Number' for the first half term, in particular securing the children's confidence in using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Mrs Williams (HLTA) will be teaching the class all day on a Tuesday.

The children will work with Ms Trula for Spanish on a Monday afternoon.

They will have two PE sessions a week, co-led by Mr Barritt and Mr Bacon (our new P.E. apprentice). These sessions will be on a Monday and a Wednesday afternoon.

#### **Reading Books:**

Your child will have opportunities to read during the week and will read to a teacher once a week during guided reading. They will be asked to change their book themselves first thing in the morning. It is expected that the children will read at home **at least 5 times per week**. Children will be rewarded for this using our new Reading Reward scheme (see separate letter tomorrow). Each reading 'session' should be for at least 10 minutes and will require an adult signature in the reading record for verification. Reading is of vital importance for the children's progress as it supports so many areas of learning.

### **Homework:**

As well as reading, children will also be set weekly spelling lists on a Monday that will then be tested the following Monday. The children will also be set homework online using 'Education City'. A separate letter will follow on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September with further information on how to access Education City.

### **Age Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:**

Last term, it became apparent that a number of children in our class were spending a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised not to spend more than **2 hours a day** in front of a screen (TV/ PC/ Laptop/ Tablet/ Smart phone/etc).

### **PE:**

We ask for your child to have their P.E kit in school every day. We appreciate that the large majority of parents do send in children with the correct kit and we thank you for this, however we do have some children either forgetting kit or in non-school specified kit.

We would like to remind you that PE kit consists of:

- Shorts or leggings - black
- School PE top or plain white round necked T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE/swimming.

Children will have swimming lessons in the Summer Term. Further details of this will be sent home nearer the time.

### **Open Door Policy:**

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in Drinnick Class, please pop in and see us after school to discuss any questions, queries or problems that you may have. There will be opportunities during the year when we would very much welcome your support. It may be to come in and listen to readers or support in practical lessons and activities.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working closely with you and your children.

Here's to a great Autumn Term!

Mr Barritt, Ms Grindrod and Mrs Williams  
Drinnick team

