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'This is a school that puts pupils first.'

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term, I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. We have lots of amazing learning planned for this half term and lots of opportunities for the children to develop their skills across the whole curriculum.

Learning

This half term our topic is called 'Space Quest' We will be learning all about the Space Race. We will be finding out who has been into space and learning all about the Moon landing. In Art, we will be using a mixture of media to create science fiction space landscapes. In Science we will be exploring everyday materials and their uses. In computing we will be focussing on the importance of online safety. In RE we will be learning about how special the relationship Christians have with God is and discussing some of the stories that Jesus told. In PHSE our topic is 'Being in my World' which will focus on the school rules and our community. In Music we will be following the Charanga program and learning to sing a simple song and play the Glockenspiels.

English and Maths

This half term we will be focusing on how and when to use full stops and capital letters in our writing. We will be reading 'Man on the moon' by Simon Bartram and using it as a stimulus for our writing. RWI takes place on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Please make sure your child brings in the paper copy of the story they are reading on these days as they will not be given a new book unless they are returned. In maths we will be focussing on the place value of numbers. We will also be learning the 10 and 2 times tables.

PE

Outdoor PE this term will be on a Tuesday and indoor Pe will be on Thursday. Please ensure your child has warm clothing when the weather changes. Please can your child come to school wearing smart PE kit on this day.

Home Learning:

Finally, can I remind you to continue to hear your child read at least 3 times a week and log onto Marvellous Me (as in line with the Home Learning Policy). Also, please encourage your child to practise their times tables and Times Tables Rock Stars. We will be focusing on 2, and 10 this half term so please take time to practice them. Your child also has a Spellzone login which they can use at home.

Key dates for this term:

Friday 7th October- School closure for staff training. Wednesday 12th October- School photographer. Monday 24th Friday 28^{th-} October Half Term.

The children have made a fantastic start to the new school year and I am so proud of how they have risen to the challenge of being Year 2 especially being in a completely different area of the school!. I am sure it is going to be a fantastic year! Let's see if we can get the best attendance in the school!

As ever, should you have any concerns or questions please speak to me or you can email me: 2MS@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, Miss Hyde (Mrs Semple)



