



**Last term, we enjoyed...** Our spring term was absolutely fabulous! We loved learning about space and the children in Indigo Class know some incredible facts about our universe. The stargazing night was one of our highlights and it was wonderful to see so many families there. We also loved our visiting Space Dome where we discovered lots more about stars and planets. Our day learning about forces was so much fun. We investigated gravity, air and water resistance and friction. We then created amazing magazines about it in English. Also in English, we loved our science fiction unit and wrote some amazing sci-fi stories. In history, learning about the ancient Greeks was fascinating and we loved re-enacting a battle through drama. We also wrote our fantastic versions of Greek myths. We love art in Indigo Class and developed our printing and collage skills in the same style as the artist Peter Thorpe. Well done everyone!

**This term, we are looking forward to...** We have a fantastic summer term planned in Indigo class. One of the main events we are looking forward to is Sports Day. (PE is one of our favourite subjects.) In English we are excited by the book *The Explorer*, which is set in the Amazon rainforest. This links to our geography where our focus is temperate forests and rainforests. We are currently planning a trip to Grizedale forest. Exciting! In science, we are learning all about the life cycles of a range of animals and plants and making comparisons within them. This will include some visiting creatures – watch this space. In DT, we will be creating a marble run out of junk materials and then learning how to make a range of sauces and then a nutritious meal. We are excited about using plaster of Paris to create sculptures in art as well as learning to draw using ICT. Of course, we are also very much looking forward to the Summer Fair.

**Key Vocabulary:** Here is some key vocabulary that we will be using throughout the half term:

- Temperate
- Rainforest
- Canopy
- Forest floor
- Deforestation
- Biodiversity
- Life cycle
- Metamorphosis
- Fertilise
- Seasonality
- Nutrition

If you wish, you could use these websites to complete quizzes and reinforce knowledge in Science:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdqcqct/articles/zqbcxfr>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxnb/articles/zdvhxbk#zsryydm1>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z6wwxnb/articles/zsq9r2p>

**Thank you so much for your continued support, Miss Frankland, Mrs Powell, Mrs Noakes and Mrs Shepherd.**

### **Important days and dates**

- PE is on a Monday. Please ensure you have full kit in school on this day. Black trainers, the school team coloured t-shirt, a hoody and black joggers / leggings are ideal
- Mrs Noakes teaches Indigo Class all day on a Tuesday

**Homework:** In Indigo Class the expectation is:

- 3x reading per week
- Complete both sides of spellings
- 3x Times Table Rockstars
- 3x Bug Club
- **New: 1x reading comprehension per week (this will go home on a Friday this term to be returned on a Friday)**

Not only does this support your child's learning and understanding in class and provides opportunities to practise skills, it also prepares them for Y6 and high school. *Please remind your child to record everything they do in their communication books. This is important as we check through them and award team points for all homework on a Friday.*

If there are any problems at all, please come and see me or Mrs Powell. We are very happy to talk things through and support in any way we can.