English and Maths
Maths lessons will follow the Maths curriculum. We will continue to look at place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will also cover measurement, fractions and geometry. Furthermore, we will deepen the children’s mathematical knowledge by providing them with problems and investigations linked to these topics.

English lessons will be based on our Imaginative Learning Projects: in the first half of the spring term this will be “Star Gazers” and in the second half this will be “Extreme Earth”. Children will develop their writing and reading skills and understanding of grammar. Children will have the opportunity to write for a range of purposes, including Science Fiction, Information Texts and Newspaper reports. The children also take part in a daily guided reading session and have opportunities to read with an adult, individually and with a group.

Foundation subjects
Our topics for this term are “Star Gazers” and “Extreme Earth”. Star Gazers will be supported by a trip to the ThinkTank Science Museum, where children will take part in a space mission and visit the planetarium. In Music, children will study The Planets by Holst and create a composition for a planet of their choice. Children will learn about our planet within the Solar System. The Extreme Earth topic will include looking at extreme weather events around the globe, creating Tornado Art and exploding a volcano.

Science
The Science topic for the first half term is Earth and Space. Children will learn about the movement of the Earth, Moon and Sun in the solar system, reasons for day and night. They will also explore how we know that the Earth is not flat. In the second half term, our topic is Forces. Children will learn about gravity, air and water resistance and friction and have the opportunity to test the effects of these forces.

Homework is set at the start of a half term. Children are expected to complete at least 10 stars.

Reading at home: Please ensure your child reads at home every night. Reading allows children the chance to calm down after a busy day at school and also helps improve their writing skills.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Drennan and Mr Martin