

# Kestrel Newsletter Term 1

Welcome to Kestrel Class,

We've been back just a few days and already the summer holidays seem like a distant memory! Our children have settled back to work remarkably quickly and I am very excited about the forthcoming months. As a class, we have created our own set of values and expectations, which match the school's values. These include being our best and respecting each other, as well as learning from our mistakes and working hard. The children have told me that they expect to be given challenging work – it's so encouraging to have a class full of ready-to-learn, eager children. We're going to have a blast!

Mrs Evans and Miss Harrison

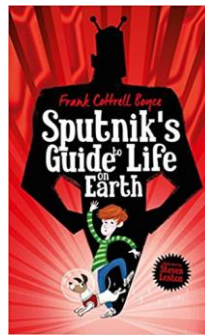
13.09.17 – Astronomy Roadshow in school.  
27.09.17 – Harry Baker (poet) workshops  
30.09.17 – Harvest Exhibition at St Martin's church (exhibiting our children's art)  
19.10.17 – come in at 2:30pm to see your child's excellent work

## Homework

Homework provides children with the opportunity to consolidate their learning and to explore our termly topic in creative and interesting ways. Each term they will receive a topic grid with a range of activities to choose from and each Monday, English and Maths will also be set as homework. Maths, English and one piece of topic work should be handed in every Friday. Please do speak to me if your child is experiencing problems or difficulties with their work.



Our topic this term is SPACE. We have already investigated the shape of the Earth and discovered that 2300 years ago, scientists correctly theorised the spherical shape of the Earth. Do ask your children how Aristotle worked it out. Later in the term we'll be investigating forces and making our own parachutes for a safe moon landing.



We are reading *Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. It's a hilarious book about an alien who visits a lonely boy and attempts to understand life on Earth. If you are able to borrow it from the library, I would recommend it!

It's lovely to see our pupils looking smart and proud in their uniform – they certainly set a good example for the rest of the school.

## PE

Please ensure that PE kits are brought in at the start of each term and kept in school. Whilst our allocated day for PE is Wednesday, there may be other opportunities for sport during the week which your child can only take part in if they have their kit.