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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a great Easter break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and hear about their half term. They might have told you that our classroom has had a few changes and so looks very different, but nevertheless, they have come back with a fantastic attitude and have settled in well.

This term our enquiry question is 'What if we got lost in outer space?'. We are going to have a science focus this term, exploring Earth and Space. In English, we are going to be reading *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. It's a laugh-out-loud novel about a 12 year old boy who is unusually tall for his age and somehow ends up lost in space... It has already captivated the children and we are going to use this book as inspiration to write our own narrative and persuasive leaflet. In Maths, we are continuing our work on fractions and then will be moving on to decimals and percentages. I must stress the importance of the children practicing their times tables at home. Our maths relies very heavily on the children having a quick recall of their times table facts. Going on TTR and playing under the 'garage' setting and also just practicing calling them out on the car journey to and from school will help the children enormously. Finally, we have been enjoying spending some time in the garden area and looking after our raised bed. So far, the children have planted potatoes and some wild flower seeds and we are going to be adding to this as the term progresses.

This term, PE will be taught by myself on a Monday afternoon and Bristol Sport Coaches on a Thursday afternoon. Similarly to last term, please can children come to school wearing their PE kit. Please ensure children are wearing suitable clothing for outdoor PE. All jewelry must be removed for PE sessions. Newly pierced ears must be taped up with tape provided from home. Children should also bring in a water bottle every day that will be stored in our classroom sink area.

Our homework will remain the same as last term as it has been working well. I will set the children weekly homework which will contain reading, spellings, TTR, a curriculum task and sometimes a Kahoot quiz. Please can children complete this homework each week and turn it in. The children have an opportunity to share their homework as a class on a Friday. I have uploaded some inspiration for appropriate and quality books on Google Classroom, under the tab 'Reading'. I have also uploaded some documents that provide some support on what questions to ask your child when they are reading.

I understand that the new restrictions make it difficult for you to catch me at the end of the day with any questions. If you would like to discuss anything with me, please do not hesitate to email or request a telephone call.

Kind regards,

Miss A Dean

“St Peter's is a dynamic school where children are nurtured, valued and challenged to reach their full potential in a caring, stimulating environment, in which Christian values underpin all our expectations.”