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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for attending our class outcome. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing all of our wonderful learning with you. We have already had a fantastic start to the term, exploring constellations and creating space landers to help us become curious learners surrounding our new topic 'Life Beyond the Clouds'.

Our big question is: **Is there a planet B?**

Within this topic, we will be exploring all things space! By the end of this topic, we hope to describe the movement of The Earth, Moon and Sun, explain day and night, explore the other planets in our solar system and lots more! Alongside this, we will be debugging and creating our own space-themed games in computing and focusing on constellation and pointillism art. We are also looking forward to extending our knowledge of space during our school trip to Winchester Science Museum and Planetarium at the end of this month.

In **literacy** this term, we will be writing a take of fear and a newspaper report whilst developing our grammar and punctuation skills which will include prefixes, suffixes and clauses. We will continue reading 'There's A Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar in our guided reading sessions this term. In **maths**, we will be learning about multiplication and division and measurement (perimeter and area).

PE this term is going to be on a Tuesday afternoon with a focus on gymnastics. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on Tuesdays. If your child has their ears pierced, please make sure that they can remove their earrings themselves or provide plasters to cover them up. Children with long hair will need to have their hair tied up so please provide your child with a hairband if necessary.

For **homework**, children will continue to be set multiplication tables to practise on Timetable Rockstars and spellings on SpellingShed each Monday (paper copies can be provided for anyone who experiences technical difficulties). Children will be tested on both their multiplications and spellings every Friday so it is in their interest to practise these. We also ask that children read for 10 minutes each day. This can be to themselves, to you or a sibling, Please encourage reading everywhere in every way you can. If you could also record at least three of these in your child's reading record this would be appreciated.

I hope this letter covers any queries about the new term.

If you have any questions please email the office. Thank you again for your support, we look forward to another exciting term of learning!

Best wishes, Miss Rockett and the Year 5 Team