**Topaz Year One Homework**

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|  | ***Weekly homework*** |
| Week 4– 3rd October 2024It has been another great week of learning in class and it’s been fabulous to see how hard the children are working at home too. It really does have a huge positive impact, so thank you for all your support. **SPACE WEEK**Next week we will be off our usual learning timetable as we embark on our exciting whole school SPACE WEEK. During this week the children will be participating in lots of cool space themed activities. For their homework this week, I would like the children to prepare for our history lesson on ‘significant individuals’ by carrying out research on **one** of the astronauts below:C:\Users\RDSUser\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\8AC40A4C.tmp* Neil Armstrong
* Buzz Aldrin
* Tim Peake
* Mae Jemison
* Yuri Gagarin
* Valentina Tereshkova

Please work with your child to find a minimum of four facts about their chosen astronaut. The facts that they chose can be written by an adult to bring into school, but please ensure that your child can confidently talk about their facts. We will be using this research in our history lesson so, please ensure this work is completed and brought into class by Tuesday 8th October. I am really looking forward to learning lots from the children!**Spellings**Well done to the children for working hard on their spellings. They have quickly got use to this routine and are really enjoying showing me how much they have practised! Please find the spelling list for this week. As before please help your child learn how to spell these new words. Regular daily practice is a more beneficial way to learn these new words, rather than try to learn them all in one go. You will have seen that your child brought home their spelling results again from last week in their book bag. Please do check these results and if your child needs further practice with these words, then please recap these too. It is also important to revisit the spellings that your child has learnt to date to ensure they are confident and fluent writing them. **Phonics** This week we have started phase 5 of the Little Wandle Scheme and the children will soon be bringing home a new set of phonics cards, in the meantime though, as I mentioned last week, it is really important that they are fluent with all the phoneme, digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words learnt to date. For homework please work with your child for a minimum of **10 minutes every day** practising all the flashcards (phonemes, digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words) **Reading**Please continue to share your child’s Little Wandle book and sharing book. When reading together please encourage your child to spot familiar graphemes and develop their comprehension skills by answering questions about the story. Please do comment in their reading record every time you listen to your child read, or share a story together.*Please remember to return all books on Monday so they can be used during group teaching reading sessions. Many thanks for your support with this.*As always, if you have any questions about your child’s learning, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. Many thanks for your continued support,Mrs Allan 😊

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| **Next week in class we will be learning** |
| **Reading – Little Wandle recap phases 2 & 3 / sentence reading and writing****Writing – Fact files** (composing a sentence orally before writing it)**Cross curricular writing/ History** (significant individuals) |
| **Maths – place value – understanding place value-**rocket launch(counting forwards and backwards)  |
| **Science – The solar system****Light and dark** investigation into light sources**Investigating forces –** moving rockets  |
| **Art –Artist study -** Chesley Bonestell**Music** - Gustav Holst – The planet suite |
| **Physical Development – Outdoor PE – Ball skills – throwing, receiving, target practice****Indoor PE – Fundamentals - travelling and jumping** |
| **Story focus of the week: Non-fiction space books** |

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