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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to you all, I hope you have had a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We are now into the Spring Term with lots more exciting activities for the children to enjoy.

This term our topic is Science based and we will be learning all about Space. It is one of my favourite topics and I know the children will really enjoy finding out more themselves. We have a very exciting start to our new topic as we have an Astronomy workshop in school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January which will give the children an excellent start to their learning.

Our Literacy work this term will also be based on Space we will be doing Newspaper reports, Explanation and Story writing to link in with Welsh week. We will also be doing lots of research about Space and will be using the Creativity Pod, i-pads and a range of non-fiction books from the library to improve our knowledge.

#### Things to remember

- This term, PE will be on **Tuesdays** with Mr Evans and Fridays with **Mr Mugford** - please can you ensure your child has a suitable PE kit for these days.
- Reading books and home school books are needed in school **every day** and will be changed **twice a week**, once when they have read to Mrs Comley and again on a Friday. Please can you continue to support your child by listening to them read on a regular basis and writing a comment in their home school books. **We will not be changing books unless we know the book has been read at home.**
- Homework is sent out on **Mondays** and needs to be completed by **Fridays**. Please encourage your child to complete their homework as it is revising work that we are covering in class. We continue to look for a big improvement on the number of children who complete their homework. There will also be a homework club at Thursday lunchtimes to enable pupils to complete this work in school if they are unable to do so at home.
- Homework can also be found on the school website, by clicking on the Year 3/4 Home learning page - <http://blaenymaes.j2webby.com/?cat=55>

To keep up to date with all things happening in Year 3/4, please visit our school website and click on the Year 3/4 class page - <http://blaenymaes.j2webby.com/?cat=49> .

Thanks

Mr Simon Tucker