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Summer Term 1

Dear Families

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a lovely Easter break.

This term our theme will be Explorers of both Earth and Space. Our science work will be centred around Space and The Solar System and then forces. In connection with this, during our English lessons we will be using the book *Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover* by Markus Motum as our main source of inspiration along with the adventure novel *Brightstorm* by Vasthi Hardy in the second half of the term.

Homework will be given out each week on a Monday and will need to be returned the following Monday. Children will be given two pieces of work and each piece of work should take approximately half an hour to complete. Please continue to either hear your child read as often as possible or encourage them to read to themselves.

This half term, as part of our PE, we are excited to be able to take the children sailing at Seaview Yacht Club, who have offered Queensgate Year 5 Classes the chance to join their Schools Sailing Programme. The programme takes a whole Year 5 class and teaches them to sail over a series of sessions. All sessions happen during curriculum time, The aim is to improve water confidence through the RYA, RNLI and Swim England's Swim Safe programme, while also working towards achieving at least RYA Stage 1 in sailing.

More importantly, sailing is used as a vehicle to develop a wider range of skills, including teamwork, communication, assessing personal risk, staying safe in open water, creative thinking and independence. It also supports children in developing a growth mindset and a greater respect for the world around them.


We are also excited to welcome a professional coach into school to coach the children in tag rugby throughout the summer term. Children will need to wear their PE kits on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Please make an appointment to speak with us if you have any questions or if you need to share any information about your child or home life, which may have an impact on their learning by sending an email or making an appointment through the school office: office@queensgateprimary.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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