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Letter to Parents (EY4)

Dear Parents,

Over the next few weeks those of us in class EY4 will begin a new topic, called “Blast Off”. This unit is part of the early year’s programme of the International Early years Curriculum (IEYC). This new curriculum has been specially written for young learners and sets out clearly what they should learn in four groups or “strands” these are called “Independence and Interdependence”, “Communicating”, “Enquiring”, and “Healthy Living and physical well-being”.

The activities, which have been planned, will cover these strands in the following ways:

Independence and Interdependence

During these first few weeks the learners will learn about space, stars, constellation and universe. They will be introduced to activities to develop new skills and have opportunities to play alone, alongside and with other learners. They will be learning the names and sequence of 8 planets. Parents can help them with added information on solar system. Parents must allow learners to do things on their own and teach them to keep their things at the appropriate place in the house.

Communicating

The learners will be introduced to books, stories and rhymes. They will be finding about Universe. The learners will make rockets, aliens, solar system and phases of moon. The learners will be introduced to NASA, Satellites and topics related to it. Parents can read books on my Universe.

Enquiring

Throughout these early days the learners will learn about planets, importance of SUN. Learners will be encouraged to find out facts about different planets. The current affairs about MOM mission will be talked about. Learners will know about the Moon and the astronauts. they will also understand what is orbit, rotation and revolution.

Healthy Living and Physical Well Being

The learners will begin to learn about paying attention and concentrating as well as expressing emotions and emotional needs. Learners will learn how to work together and be a good friend. Each day will bring opportunities to develop the ability to cope with change. Parents must teach learners to listen to the teacher in the class and remain clean and tidy.

International Dimension

Our learning will also help to develop the IEYC International Dimension as learners will learn about:

- The Universe and Solar System.
- The names and sequence of 8 planets.
- The concept of rotation and revolution which causes day/night and seasons.
- Moon- Phases of Moon.
- The importance of Sun.
- Applying the IEYC Personal Goals in various contexts

We will begin this theme on Monday, 23rd July 2018, by having a welcome morning. This week you could talk about the Universe, Solar System, Stars. Talk to them about Alien, Mars planet, constellation. Also, make the child aware about the different types of telescopes used and its

importance. Any extra information or material related to the topic that you wish to share with the class is always welcome. Following are few websites, which may interest your child for this particular topic:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDhapt7nw4A>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sJrDiUG2JAo>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6MCtB752AE>

We would request you to send the following things:

- Children will dress up as a planet, astronaut, and alien on 27th August 2018 and talk few lines about it.

As always, we welcome any support or suggestions, which you may have.

Warm Regards

Sd/-

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(Principal)