



# Upper Beeding Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Spring Term 2026 – Years 5 and 6

### "To Infinity and Beyond"

Our theme this term is '***To Infinity and Beyond***'. We are very much looking forward to investigating our solar system. We have attached a topic plan so that you can see some of the key activities and learning journeys the children will be covering. If you are a Space expert or have any interesting items or resources to share with the children, we would love to hear from you!

## Science Museum and Space Wow Day



We are very excited to announce that we have booked our educational trip for this term to the Science Museum in London! The trip will take place on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026**.

We have also arranged a Space Wow Day on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. Children will experience a number of 'Astronaut Training' training activities including a Virtual Reality workshop. They will simultaneously blast off into space, piloting their research vessels around planets and moons, learning about the solar system. ***Full details of both will be sent to you shortly.***

## PE

Unfortunately, at the end of last term, some children are beginning to forget their PE kit and as we have limited spares at school it is not always possible to provide an alternative. Please could you ensure that your child has their **named** kit in school so that they are able to participate fully in all PE and games sessions. The children should wear either a white t-shirt or a t-shirt in their House colour. Appropriate footwear is needed for PE sessions on the playground or field. As the weather can be quite cold at this time of year, children are permitted to wear a sweatshirt and jogging bottoms for outside games lessons.



### **Children are not permitted to borrow kit from other children.**

If your child is unable to participate in a session due to illness or injury, please either inform the office or send a short note in to your child's class teacher.

## PE Days

The days for PE lessons are detailed below:

BRAZIL CLASS (Mr Long) – Thursday and Friday (Swimming)

MEXICO CLASS (Miss Underdown) – Monday and Friday

USA CLASS (Mr Jones) – Thursday and Friday



## Homework

We will be sending home our '**To Infinity and Beyond**' homework grid this week. This system is intended to give the children more independence and choice as to what they would like to do to extend their own learning. Your child will select a task to complete every two weeks, over the term.

Pupils will also receive a mathematics task from their teacher each week and a grammar activity. Each piece of homework should take up to 45 minutes.

Your child will bring home a spelling list each week.



The handing in dates for homework are as follows:

- Grammar homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday.
- Maths homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday, as well as practising their times tables.
- In addition to this homework, children will be expected to read on a regular basis.
- Weekly spelling lists will be sent home each week for the children to practice.

If your child is unable to complete a task in the time allocated or is unable to hand the work in on the set date, please let the class teacher know.

Occasionally, we may send pieces of work home to be completed. This is to ensure that your child does not fall behind the majority of the class and become overwhelmed with trying to complete several tasks during the school day.

## Healthy Lunchboxes

As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy lifestyles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a balanced packed lunch. If your child would like a snack at breaktime, please can you ensure that they bring a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks.



Please **do not** send your child to school with **nuts, peanut butter, sesame or products containing any of these** as we do have children in the school who are severely allergic to such items.

Your child should be encouraged to bring a **water bottle to school** – these should not be used for drinking squash or fruit juice.

## SATs

Our Year 6 pupils will start preparing for their end of Key Stage assessments during this term. If you have any questions about the tests, or the preparations that the children will be doing in school, please do not hesitate to ask. A letter will also be sent home soon inviting you to purchase SATs revision books at a discounted price. SATs week will start from **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.

If you have any concerns regarding this topic, or fabulous ideas that we could implement at school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jones, Miss Underdown and Mr Long  
Year 5/6 Team

