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Dear Parents

Welcome back! What a wonderful start to the summer term. We returned to school to find a rocket ship or unidentified flying object of some description had crash landed into the school grounds and what a buzz of excitement this has caused. We immediately called in some scientists whose expert knowledge was tested by our knowledgeable children. Professor Dan and Dr Lizzie worked tirelessly during the day. They provided an assembly on how to be a Scientist by using prediction, judgment and detailed analysis. They also gave us information about the solar system and what we know about space travel to date. This interactive assembly was greatly enjoyed by the children who demonstrated their knowledge by asking some fabulous questions about space travel and black holes. During the remainder of Wednesday the visiting scientists worked with each class investigating the crash site and providing interactive practical experiments which delighted us all.

On Thursday we shared the information we had gathered and began exploring the creative and imaginative opportunities afforded by this event. Year 2 looked at coded messages left by the aliens, broke the codes and responded with interest. Some fabulous art creations were activated and the Year 1 paintings in the hall and the 3D solar systems in the Year 2 classrooms are definitely worth a visit. Nursery and Reception have been enjoying looking at the crash site and using their imaginations and knowledge for both art and literacy work.

On Friday we were delighted to see that there had been movement with the rocket ship although Mr Bennett was less pleased to see his tool kit had been borrowed overnight! Clearly an attempt had been to reconnect some of the pipes and cylinders and we are all holding our breath to find out what will happen next. To continue our space investigations we welcomed a giant inflatable Planetarium into school and as I write everyone is having a session adding to their knowledge about our galaxy and the universe that we inhabit. The eager discussions and enthusiasm around the school has been a joy to experience and I can't think of a better way to start this exciting term!

Yours sincerely

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