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Dear Parents and Carers

Message from Mrs Rawlins – 13.1.23

I hope that this finds you well. We continue to enjoy milder weather, which is lovely, but who knows how that might change over the coming weeks!

TTRockstars for KS2: We have begun to award our weekly trophy again in our Monday assembly to classes in KS2, with the aim of encouraging children to practise their times tables facts using TTRockstars at home as well as in school. Each week, we will have a different focus – next week, the focus will be working towards the highest average of correct answers. Certificates will be given to the 3 highest individual averages in KS2, but teachers will also be able to award a few certificates to children in their classes who have shown commitment and effort. Here is the link to TTRockstars from our school website, so children can log on and practise at home (a few minutes each day is helpful): [TTRockstars link from school website](#).

Half-termly Year Group information: You will be emailed curriculum information documents today, which we hope you will find helpful in keeping you in touch with what is going on in classes this half-term. These documents are also saved on the school website here: [Half-termly Year Group information](#).

Next week in school:

Monday – Reading Ambassadors: Our Year 2 – 6 Reading Ambassadors will be having their half-termly meeting, which will include a visit from local author, John Barnett, who will share his latest book with them.

Thursday – visit of the ‘Brain Bus’ for Year 6: On Thursday, our Year 6 children will have a session led by scientists from the MRC Cognition and Brain Sciences Unit at the University of Cambridge – a great opportunity to learn more about our amazing brains!

Friday – Year 5 trip: Our Year 5 classes will be visiting the National Space Centre on Friday as part of their topic work on ‘Earth and Space’.

Friday – Eco-Committee: Our class Eco-reps will be meeting on Friday afternoon with Mrs Griffin. Their focus for this term is looking at our use of water in school.

Wishing you a good weekend. As always, please do contact us if we can be of help. If you have any specifically KS1 questions, please contact Sophie Morris at smorris@arbury.cambs.sch.uk and for anything particularly involving KS2, please contact Kate Dowdall at kdowdall@arbury.cambs.sch.uk.

Kind regards
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