# Curriculum update

#### Thinktank Visit

We are visiting the Thinktank in Birmingham on Monday 9th March. We have sessions booked in throughout the day so we are planning to leave school early to give us the most time there. We are leaving at 8:15am so please arrive before 8:15am (just after 8am would be perfect) to allow time for the children to go to the toilet and organise ourselves onto the buses. All children need: to be wearing school uniform, have a packed lunch and two drinks. We will be walking a short way, therefore it is much easier if everything is in one rucksack as it leaves the children's hands free and allows them to concentrate on just walking rather than juggling carrying drinks and lunchboxes.

Please do not send your child with their book bag as it won't be needed for the visit and is just something else for them to carry. Please do not send your child with any money as we will not be visiting the gift shop. We have planned to arrive back at school at 4:30pm but we will update you if this changes. Please check Parent Mail for the contribution towards the visit. As a school, your child's welfare and safety is always our main priority. We have had a few questions concerning the Coronavirus and we will take all steps necessary to ensure your child's safety. We are taking extra hand sanitiser and wipes and will ensure that the children are frequently washing their hands throughout the day.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and ask!

### World Book Day

We were amazed at the effort everybody went to for World Book Day! We had a fantastic day celebrating and we did lots of different activities. We had our own catwalk in the classroom, designed bookmarks, shared stories with Year 6, wrote our own books and played a game of guess who with a popular children's book. Thank you everyone for making such a brilliant effort, we definitely looked the best!

#### Wonder dome

We were lucky enough to have a space dome in school yesterday too. We went inside and found out about the different planets and it helped put it into context ready for our visit on Monday. The children asked brilliant questions about the planets and it allowed them to see the planets up close. The children lay on their backs and watched as we travelled to each planet and space moved above them. A brilliant experience!

## Madley Satellite Station

We visited Madley Satellite Station on Monday to find out what they do and how this relates to space and the world around us. We met Luke, who showed us around and told us all about the satellites and antennas and how they work. We were also lucky enough to be allowed to visit the TV room where programmes are transmitted and monitored. We found out about the biggest antenna which is 32m which they don't make anymore as they are now able to do the same job with smaller antennas. We also visited the generator room which we found out is the back up in case the power fails. We were hoping to go inside the bottom on the antenna but due to the recent floods we were unable to do this as a lot of their equipment was effected. It was a brilliant visit and gave the children a better understanding of what the antennas and satellites do. I received an email from Luke, commenting on the children's behaviour and the questions that they asked too. Well done everybody!