



**thinktank**  
Birmingham science museum



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next term we will be embarking on a new history topic, focusing specifically on Historic Explores. As part of this topic (shhh... don't tell the children!) we will be learning about 2 space explores- Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison. When we started planning this new topic we knew there was only one destinations for our big school trip of year 1- Think Tank!

As well as having a whole exhibition on space exploration, they are also going to provide us a bespoke workshop where our pupils can explore what life is like for the entire space crew of scientists, engineers, trainers and astronauts. From launching rockets, docking at the International Space Station and tackling emergency challenges, this show offers fantastic insight and learnings into what it takes to undertake a space mission. The workshop, which is private just for us, provides the children the opportunity to learn about roles in space crew, rocket launches, space suit materials, daily life for astronauts on the International Space Station in an environment we just could not mimic in school.

Our session at Think Tank Birmingham runs from 10.30am – 2pm. In order for us to get the most out of our experience we won't be back in school for normal pick up. We estimate we should be back in school by 3.20. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch and an afternoon snack for the coach journey home.

**This trip will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.**

The price for entry and access to the all that Think Tank has to offer, as well as the bespoke private workshop normally costs £15 per person. We have been able to get this discounted to £10.50 per child and the coach to and from Birmingham is £11.50 per child. **This makes the total price for the educational visit £22 per child.** We understand that finances and budgets are tight at the moment and we would not ask parents to contribute to a school visit that we didn't think was incredibly beneficial for the children. **The payment would not be required until Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.** If you would like to pay in instalments, or have any questions or concerns in regards to this, please let us know as there are lots of ways we can help.

Please **follow the link below which will take you to our Promise to Pay survey.** The visit will not be able to go ahead until we have received a response from **all parents** and can therefore calculate whether we are able to continue with the trip. Please respond to the survey by no later than Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March so we can confirm the visit.

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