

Year 5 Newsletter Term 1 2021

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Welcome back, and a HUGE welcome to our lovely Year 5 children. We hope you had a great summer and are ready for a fantastic time in Year 5. We are here to help and support you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask us.

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Curriculum Information:

English: We will be learning a wide variety of reading and writing skills this term, using books on space and space travel as our inspiration.

Maths: The children will be revising their knowledge of place value and the four operations, as well as putting their problem solving skills to the test.

Science: How do we get day and night? Why does the moon change shape? We will be investigating these, and much more, through our Earth & Space topic.

PE: This term, we will be focusing on our gymnastics skills. We will also be having fun taking part in multi-skills.

Art & DT: We will be studying the illustrations of Christina Balit in 'Zoo In The Sky' and recreating our own works of art based on the constellations in the night sky. We will also be creating our own dioramas of our solar system.

RE: The children will be learning about Christianity this term. In particular, looking at and analysing the key question: What does it mean if God is loving and caring?

Computing: This term, the children will be learning about creating presentations using MS office 365. This will link directly with our Space topic.

PSHE: In this unit of work the children will learn and discuss 'the importance of our personal wellbeing', as we look at the importance of good mental health and our general wellbeing.

P.E is on a **Friday afternoon**.

Please ensure your child wears their P.E kit to school and that it is appropriate for the weather; tracksuits tops and bottoms are fine. **Please remove earrings on these days.**



Important dates:

-Monday 20th September 3-3.15pm Meet the Year 5 teachers

-Friday 8th October Astrodome workshop



Attendance:

Thank you so much to all of you who ensure that your child is in school on time each day. We would really appreciate it if you could continue to do so- let's aim to be the Year group with the **BEST** attendance in Term 1!

Times Table Tests!

Your child needs to be practising their times tables as often as possible, ideally daily if they are not secure with all of their times tables.

We will advise the children, as we progress through the year, which ones they need to learn.

The ultimate aim is for the children to have rapid recall for all the times tables (up to 12 times tables) with just seconds for them to remember the answer.

Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a named drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.**



Reading

The children engage in many reading activities as part of their English sessions. Through the AR scheme, your child will have a band of books that they may choose from, which should all be suitable for their current reading ability. Your child needs to be secure with what they have read, so they may be encouraged to read their book more than once before completing the quiz. It is important that your child reads daily, we offer reading time in school throughout the day but this needs to be supported at home too. If you have any queries about the system, please contact your child's class teacher.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD BRINGS THEIR READING BOOK TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY and you have signed their reading record to say that you have listened to them read.

Thank you.



Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing have their name on it. It makes it much easier to reunite children with lost clothes. This includes their PE kit. Thank you!