

# Year 5 Newsletter Term 1 2020

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Welcome back, and a HUGE welcome to our lovely Year 5 children. We hope you had as good a Summer as possible, considering the situation we currently find ourselves in. We are here to help and support you

## 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 athletics 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 Islam this term. In particular, their religious journeys, the 5 pillars and special occasions.

**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 impact lockdown has had on our mental health and our general wellbeing.



## P.E is on a **Tuesday 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.**



## How can you help at home?

Please remember to read at home for 20 min per day and sign the reading record, so children are awarded for their hard work.



## 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 for our weekly Big Maths test and the 100 Club. They should know which ones they need to learn. The test will be completed as a rapid recall, with just seconds for them to remember the answer.

Please use **PIXL** to practise the times tables as often as possible.

## 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!