9th January 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back, we hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas holiday. This term we will be investigating Space for our topic. If you have any information or pictures about space that you are happy to share with the class please send them in. We are hoping to go on a school trip to a planetarium later in the term. A letter giving further details will be sent out nearer the time.

We would encourage the children to have their PE kits in school at all times. Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday and children should ensure they have the correct Widewell kit (including jogging bottoms or leggings for cold weather).

Maths homework and spellings will be sent home every Friday for a test the following Friday. The results of these tests will be recorded in your child’s homework card. Please sign their reading records and homework cards each week to validate any reading and work that has been done.

We have had a wonderful start to year 5 and every child in the class an excellent attitude to learning and we are very proud of the behaviour standards that they are showing. If you have any queries or concerns please call into school, write a note or leave a message with reception. Keep checking our class webpage (on the school website) for information, news and photographs throughout the term.

The Year 5 Team

Music

The children will be learning to play individual notes and chords on the ukulele and will be following standard notation.

RE

This term the children will be finding out about beliefs and actions in the world within Christianity and Buddhism. It will introduce children to beliefs about the creation of the world and care for the environment and will enable them to explore the meanings both in their own lives and within the lives of Christians and Buddhists.

English

This term the children will be learning about biographies and applying their skills to research and write Tim Peake's biography. They will also be and writing a narrative based on Space.

Following this, they will look at the features of non-chronological reports before writing their own about our solar system.

Maths

The children will further develop their understanding and skills in mental and written calculations, including problem solving in real life situations. This term they will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages.

Topic

In topic, the children will learn about various aspects of space - from the history of the space race to what life is like on board a space station. They will also put their enquiry skills to the test to determine whether UFOs exist.

Science

The children will finding out about Earth and Space. They will learn about the planets and how the Earth is spherical. They will also learn about night and day and the movement of the moon.

Computing

During computing lessons the children will be expanding their computing vocabulary. They will be learning about algorithms, inputs and outputs whilst designing their own computer game. The children will then evaluate their own games and other peoples.

Art/DT

During this term, the children will investigate sculpture and it's different forms. They will look at the work of other artists before creating their own sculptures. In DT they will investigate Space buggies and design their own.

French

The children will focus on speaking, listening and reading the French language. They will also learn how to talk about themselves and their family in French.

PE

During the first part of the term the children will be focussing on gymnastic skills using the apparatus as well as completing various fitness tests in order to try and improve on their personal bests. After half term they will be having cricket lessons from a specialist coach.