

Year 5 Spring Term 2017

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas.

This term we will start a new topic - Star Gazing.

What will the children learn?

As usual we shall base our curriculum around the topic. In particular this term Literacy, Science, Art, Design Technology, History and ICT will have links to our Topic.

ENGLISH



In English we will do information writing about the Moon and we will study and write myths about the Moon.

Our class book is 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce. We will base some of our comprehension work on our reading of it. In addition the children will be having weekly guided reading sessions.

We will also be focusing on speaking and listening and performing skills when we rehearse and present free verse poetry based on space themes.

We will continue with our daily Read, Write Inc spelling lessons and these will be supported by fortnightly Spelling City homework.

RE

Before half term we will be learning about Hindu gods and their significance to Hindus.

After half term we will look at Christianity and the events in Holy Week and discuss what Christians believe about Jesus' purpose/destiny.

MATHS

Term 3 we will be:

- *Comparing and ordering fractions
- *Recognise a mixed fraction and improper fraction and be able to convert
- *Add/subtract fractions
- *Multiply fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers
- *Read and write decimal numbers as fractions



MFL

The children will continue to develop their speaking skills by hearing and saying words and phrases of French. Again it will be taught through games, songs and practise in pairs and aims to be fun!

PE – Our PE lessons will be gymnastics on Tuesdays and tag rugby on Thursdays. Please remind your child to bring in outdoor PE kit for Thursdays.



ART/DT – In art and DT we will be making paintings and models of the planets of our solar system.

ICT LESSONS

ICT lessons will be linked to D&T, Art, Science and History as we research and produce work for these subject areas. We will also be continuing our work on coding.

SCIENCE



In Science we will be looking at the Earth and Space. We will study the science behind rockets and learn about gravity and other forces such as thrust.

HISTORY

In History we will learn about important scientists like Galileo and important events like the Moon landings.



HOMEWORK

Monday will continue to be reading comprehension homework.

Wednesday is maths homework day.

Each fortnight there will be a new Spelling City assignment and Bug Club homework will be set when appropriate.

We would also ask you to support your child's learning by hearing them read 2 or 3 times a week and talking to them about what they have read. Please encourage them to practise their times tables by using 'Hit the Button'.

Any child who does not complete homework will be asked to stay in at break times to complete it.

Do let us know if your child is having any problems with a piece of homework and we can support them with it.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you wish to discuss anything concerning your child's progress or homework.

Many thanks.

Mrs Hudson-Shaw, Mr Thomas and Mrs Somerset