

Y5 Newsletter

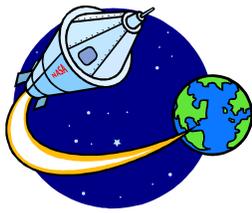
Stargazers



Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term 2020

Journey through space – the final frontier! Let's take a trip to the stars, planets



and suns and discover the amazing wonders of the night sky. During this half term, we'll read information texts to

find out about the Solar System and the Sun, using mnemonics to help us remember the facts. We'll make a Solar System and investigate the cycle of day into night. We'll learn about Galileo, the 'father' of modern astronomy and his

famous astronomical discoveries. Taking on the roles of the planets, we'll use movement to demonstrate the motions of the planets and moons. We'll investigate lunar myths and write newspaper articles. Then we'll make a space shuttle or satellite, testing the materials for durability, and we'll program toys to explore a lunar landscape. At the end of the project, we'll look at alien-themed comics, invent our own aliens and consider the big question: why is there life on Earth? Finally, we'll invite you to our 'Visitors' Centre' (classroom) and share our knowledge with you.

In English lessons we will take inspiration from our science work to write explanations and factual accounts. We will read a range of books to help our descriptive writing and to inspire space raps.

On-going work will include spellings, grammar, punctuation and learning to use new sentence types. Our new class reader will be ... (I can't say yet because the big reveal is imminent in class).

Please continue to listen to your child read and to have a discussion about what has been read, this is so important still. Spellings too –all in their Diary.



Mathematics will continue to build on previous knowledge. Our themes will be multiplication and division and then fractions. We will use and show understanding of place value and use mental and written strategies efficiently.

The children are recognising that they need to know their times tables for all sorts of maths. PLEASE PRACTICE THEM DAILY –on paper, using Times Table Rockstars and in the car when travelling!

Homework

9th January Moon Diary
for 1 month

The children have been asked to keep a moon diary, tracking the phases of the moon (cloud dependent of course!).

Each week the children will continue to work on their targets and be given a practise sheet (maths, handwriting, grammar).

All this helps build successful and happy children –and class teachers!

Lifeskills: Going for Goals

This deals with setting yourself achievable targets, teaching the children the importance of having something to strive for.

Class Trip to the Chichester Planetarium

Tuesday, 4th February.

We will travel in staff and parent cars, leaving at about 12.15 and getting back for 3.00. Packed lunch will be needed –WE WILL EAT THIS IN CLASS before we go. Letter to follow.

CANCEL ANY HOT LUNCHES NOW, PLEASE.

Our Assembly will be on Friday,
6th March (Book Week).

You are all, of course, welcome.

Wishing you all a fabulous 2020.

Mrs Sarah Gill