

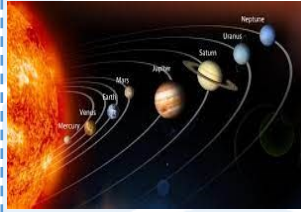
Year 5 Term 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Maths

During term 1 we will be working on place value and addition and subtraction. The initial focus will be on numbers to 10,000. When the children are confident they will then work with numbers to 1 million. Some of the skills taught will include rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, counting in 10's 100's 1000's, 10,000 and 100,000.

Times Tables: Every day, the children will have the opportunity to practise their times tables in school through songs and games. Please help your child learn their times tables at home too, it is a tool that will help them to improve so many areas of Maths.

Homework for maths will be to practise your times tables for 15-20 minutes each day on Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS). At times arithmetic activities for practise will also be sent home.



Welcome to year 5!

During our first term in year 5 we will be engaging in the exciting topics of 'The Vikings' linked to Geography and 'Space' linked with Science and English.

We are looking forward to the term ahead and getting to know all of the children.

Science

This term's science topic is **Space** and our big question is: **'Is there anybody out there?'**

Our hook for science will be making a sundial, and an erupting volcano from the planet Mars. The children will learn about the solar system, moon and sun.

Exploring how the moon changes shape and how shadows change through the day.

DT

Through our science the children will develop their DT skills. Skills will include investigating, designing, making, testing and evaluating. To develop these DT skills we will make a sundial and also design a motorised model of the Mars Curiosity Rover.

Reminders:

Please bring your reading book and signed record into school each day.

Bikeability - Week beginning 11th October.

PE Kit brought in to school on both Wednesday and Thursday.

Forest school every Thursday

Keep an eye out for regular new Dojo post!

Miss Ward and Mrs Rye

English

This term we will be focusing on recounts, biographies and autobiographies.

We will identify the features of a recount, to then feel confident writing our own convincing UFO hoax recount. Children will also have the opportunity to analyse different text, finding the key features of biography. They will then create an interesting biography for an astronaut.

Punctuation and Grammar

First we will be ensuring we are confident with our word classes (nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions). We will continue to ensure we are consistently using simple punctuation (full stops, capital letters, commas, exclamation marks and question marks).

The children will then secure their understanding on how to use pronouns.

Spellings

The children will be learning how to spell words that are in the National Curriculum Statutory Spelling List for Years 3 and 4 or year 5 and 6 depending on your child. Spellings will also include some topic words, words with silent letters and homophones. Each term the children will be given 24 words to focus on. These words will be the focus in school in all areas of their learning. The expectation is to practise 4 words a

PE

PE will be outdoors on a **Wednesday and Thursday afternoon**. The children will be participating and learning new skills in both cricket and netball.

Please ensure your child has PE Kit suitable for outdoors. Please can earrings be removed for these days or a consent form signed for taping of earrings.

RE

The Big Question is: **God - what does it mean if God is loving and holy?**

This area of study, allows us to make clear connections between Bible texts and what Christians believe about God; for example, through how churches are designed. The children will learn how Christians believe God is omnipotent, omniscient and eternal.

French

Presenting ourselves

The children will learn to ask and answer questions in French. We will look at how words can be masculine or feminine.

We will be learning numbers 1-30.

Geography

Where were the Viking homelands and what were their key physical characteristics?

Music

Ukulele lessons, each Tuesday with our music Tutor Mr Clift.

Computing

ICT will be incorporated into the curriculum. We will also be using Purple Mash to create a playable game and using 2Code.