



Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2018

Home Readers

What is beyond the stars?

This term our theme is focused around the science topic 'Space'. We will begin our learning journey by understanding more about the solar system and our planet Earth. We will find answers to questions such as; How do we have day and night? Does the Earth really move? Why do we have moons? How many planets are there? We will also explore significant achievements in space travel, and investigate the science which made the first moon landing possible.

In Literacy, we will be learn about Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon and recount his incredible experience as well as writing poetry and stories inspired by the universe. In Maths, we shall consolidate our knowledge and understanding of place value and written methods to add and subtract numbers.

This half term there will be many opportunities for children to be creative and work with a variety of materials. Children will improve their mastery of art and design techniques, and experiment with musical instruments to compose space themed music.

Reading is an essential skill for all good learners and therefore it is very important that children read frequently. We expect children to read regularly in both home and school.

Your child will bring home a reading book to enhance their reading skills. Please listen to your child's reading regularly.

How you can help

Punctuality and Attendance

There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving a good education. Children who frequently miss school may fall behind in their learning and development. You can help by making appointments out of school time. If your child is ill or has an appointment during the school day please remember to inform the school office.

Homework

Maths and Literacy homework will be set by your child's Maths and Literacy teachers once a week. Please support your child with the completion of their homework each week to be returned to school on the following Friday. It would also be very helpful if you continue to practice the times tables with your child at home.

Swimming

Children in Class 7 and 8 will begin their swimming lessons this term. They will start on the 10th September until the 28th January. Children in Class 9 will begin their swimming lessons in the Spring term on the 11th February. A letter with further details will follow.

Dates for your diary

September

13th Roald Dahl Day
14th 100% attendance visit for the summer term

October

W/b 8th Black History month
17th and 18th Parents evenings
24th Harvest

November

5th INSET day
7th, 8th and 9th visits to The National Space Centre in Leicester
W/b 12th Anti bullying week
16th Children in Need