

# Welcome to Year 5



If you have any questions or anything you wish to discuss, please come and speak to us for a quick chat. You can come and see us at the end of the day when the children leave or feel free to make an appointment.



We cannot take responsibility for items lost or broken in school and would appreciate it if children did not bring toys or pencil cases into class.

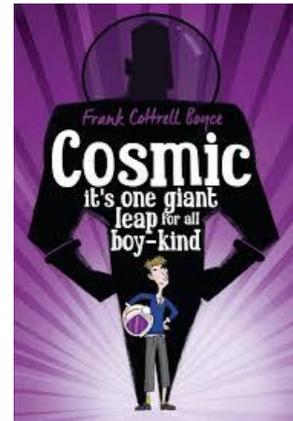
Thank you.

Our Spring Topic is **'Mission to Mars!'**

The Mission to Mars topic will show us all what it would be like if we were to begin to live on Mars. We will cover all aspects including how to live and eat on Mars, how to get there and the differences between life on Mars and life on Earth. We are focusing on science for a lot of this topic, looking at space, how plants grow and how soil could be different on Mars.

If you visit a public library perhaps you could encourage your child to borrow books about this subject or if you have internet access research these subjects online.

Our class book is 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.



### P.E. lessons:

5TH Monday - Swimming at Crown Pools, Wednesday is outdoor PE.

5RC Monday - Indoor PE and Wednesday Outdoor PE.

For swimming, your child will need:

**Boys:** Trunks (not swimming shorts), swimming hat (obtainable from school office) and towel.

**Girls:** One piece swimsuit, swimming hat (obtainable from school office) and towel.



**No goggles and no jewellery!**



For outdoor PE lessons your child will need to bring their **trainers**. PE kit is **black shorts** and a **white t-shirt** but in the colder weather the children may wear **jogging bottoms** and a **warm jumper**. (This is more essential now that it is so chilly!). Hair needs to be tied up and earrings taken out. Please put your child's name in all their school clothes and PE Kit as this will help us get them back to you should they be misplaced.

# HOMEWORK

We expect your child to learn their spellings and practise their reading every week.

English and Maths homework will be **given out on Fridays** and needs to be **given in by** the following **Thursday**.

Weekly spellings will also be given out on Fridays but need to be in by **Tuesday in Class RC** and by **Wednesday in Class TH**. The spellings will be **tested** on that **day**. If your child is struggling with any part of their homework please send it in with them the next day so a member of staff can go over it with them. If your child does not hand their completed homework in they will be expected to attend a homework club at school.

Reading is an important life skill that we encourage both at home and at school. Therefore, regardless of ability, your child will be required to read at home at least 6 days a week. We are also working on

Independence. In Year Five, children are expected to record the date and pages they read each day. They will then be

expected to write a short summary of what they have read. They will then sign the book themselves.

