

## Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn 2

### **Welcome**

Welcome back, we hope you have had a nice half term break. This term we have lots of exciting learning to complete. Our main topic for the term is space and our solar system. As with last term, our homework will be handed out on a Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. As a reminder, children can change their reading book on any day. Reading records will be collected in each Friday and Dojo points will be given out for the number of times children have read to an adult.

### **Spelling and Reading**

This term we will continue to test spelling on a Tuesday and new spellings will be sent home on this day. In reading we are continuing to work on our inference and explanation skills as well as retrieval.



Recommended reads:

Our class book this term is Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. He has written many other fabulous books such as: Runaway Robot, Framed, The Astounding Broccoli Boy and Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth.

### **Writing**

In English we are going to be writing biographies of famous people associated with space travel. We will be writing a newspaper report on the first moon landing as well as stories set on other planets.

We will be continuing to develop our vocabulary as well as adding parenthesis to our writing as well as including more complex sentence types, including relative clauses in our work.



### **Maths**

In maths this term we are going to be working on our mental and written multiplication and division skills as well as working on fractions.



### **Science**

Our topic this term is space. In science we will be learning about the planets in our solar system, time zones, why we have day and night, why we have different seasons and the phases of the moon.



### **Computing**

In computing we will be learning how to use and create databases.



### **Art & Design**

In art this term we will be completing observational drawings, mono printing as well as thinking about houses and architecture.



### **Geography**

Our geography this term will be linked to our space topic. We will be learning about why different countries have different seasons at the same time as others and about lines of longitude and latitude.



### **Music**

In music we will be continuing with our Samba drumming project.



### **PE**

Outdoor PE: Monday – Fitness circuits



Indoor PE: Tuesday - gymnastics

### PSHE

Our topic for this term is celebrating differences.



### RE

In RE this term we will be learning about Sikhism.



### Homework Project

To create a project about space, planets and our solar system.  
Please see the separate homework information sheet sent home.



### Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



### Times Tables Rockstars



### Spelling Shed



### Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



### **Class information**

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Morgan

**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Bradley

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



### **Dates for the diary!**

Monday 31st October – Training day for teachers

Tuesday 1st November – school reopens for pupils

11th November – School Council Remembrance Assembly

Tuesday 14th November – Odd Socks Day

18th November – Children in Need Mufti Day

Tuesday 6th December – Christmas Carol Concert KS2 (pm)

Thursday 8th December Christmas Jumper Day (National Save the Children Day)

Thursday 15th December Christmas Class Parties

Friday 16th December – school closes for Christmas