

Year 5 Spring Newsletter

Welcome to a new term and Happy New Year! Year 5 have had a great launch to our new Spring project 'A New Home in Space' with our trip to the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium. Throughout the rest of the term, the children will be learning about Space: planets, stars, orbital paths, space travel and much, much more! Throughout the project, the children will be considering Professor Stephen Hawking's statement, "I am convinced that humans need to leave Earth". This is a science-based project where the children will explore the movement of the Earth and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. The children will also study how different artists and musicians have interpreted the solar system, culminating with them producing their own artwork using chalk.

This term, we have deliberately put our celebration event in the middle of our project so that parents or carers who are able to come, can be part of the children's learning experience. There will be some collaborative making and doing for you all as we set a challenge connected with our Space themed project on Tuesday 4thth March for TD5, Wednesday 5thth March for KR5 and Friday 7thth March for HWAP5 all starting from 9.00am until 10.00am.

Weekly routines reminder...

Monday	Library (please ensure your child has their library book in school to change weekly on a Monday)
Tuesday	Whole Year Group Indoor PE Spellings and Times Tables test New spellings posted on Google Classroom
Friday	Whole Year Group Outdoor PE

Snacks

A reminder that at break times, the children may have a small fruit or vegetable snack (with no packaging, if possible, please). They will also need a named water bottle (only containing water please) which may be kept in class.

Homework

Reading in the home is still such an important way to support your child's learning. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home and record this in their reading record log book which should be kept in their book bags. Spellings will be posted onto Google Classroom every Friday and tested the following Thursday. You can support your child by practising the list of words as well as other words that follow the same rule or pattern. Times tables knowledge is an integral part of our mathematics in Year 5 and we would encourage the continued practise of these every week. Your child will still be able to access their Times Tables Rock Star account.

Class Dojo

Communications can be made to your child's class teacher through 'Class Dojo'. Dojo is useful for quick communications about areas such as curriculum news or specific messages regarding behaviour and should be your first 'port of call' if you have any concerns. Your child's class teacher will access and respond to dojo messages around the school day and after school, during office hours. Communications regarding absence or any prolonged communications, please continue to email the school office or phone reception.

Key Dates

10/02/25 and 31/03/25 – Market Place
14/02/2025 – INSET day
04/03/2025 – TD5 Project Celebration
05/03/2025 – KR5 Project Celebration
07/03/25 – HWAS5 Project Celebration
06/03/2025 – World Book Days (children may dress up for this event)
11/03/2025 – Parents' Evening
13/03/2025 – Parents' Evening
04/04/2025 – Last Day of Term

Curriculum

<p>Maths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Multiplication and division- Geometry (properties of shapes and position) <p>Science</p> <p>Earth and space</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What did pre-modern humans believe about the universe?- What made scientists challenge the belief that the Earth was at the centre of the universe?- Why did the space race become a competition between the USA and the USSR?- Were the moon landings the greatest of all human achievements?- What have astronomers discovered in the last ten years? <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Should we seek a new home in Space?</i></p> <p>PE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Outdoor: Hockey and Cricket- Indoor: Gymnastics and Skipping <p>RE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What sacrifice and resurrection means to Christians. <p>Art</p> <p>Planet/ solar system drawing using chalks and pastels</p> <p>Music</p> <p>Solar system inspired musical compositions</p> <p>DT</p> <p>Cogs and Pulleys</p>	<p>English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Biographies – Good night stories for rebel girls- Science – Fiction Narrative – writing an opening chapter- Narrative Poetry – examining and performing- Diary entries – writing in role of a character- Non - Chronological reports- Let's Think in English- 'Write on!' tasks <p>PE</p> <p>Hockey, Skipping, Tag Rugby, Gymnastics</p> <p>Music</p> <p>Solar system inspired musical compositions</p> <p>Art</p> <p>Planet/ solar system drawing using chalks and pastels</p> <p>Key Texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Boy in the Tower- If A Bus Could Talk by Faith Ringgold- 'Long Walk To Freedom' Nelson Mandela- Iron Man- The Flower- Frozen in Time- The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day- Clockwork by Phillip Pullman- The Scarecrow and the Servant <p>Computing</p> <p>Using Prezi to create a space presentation</p> <p>PDL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Smoking What Is Normal- Getting Fit- It All Adds Up- Local Councils- My School Community
--	---

Finally, we would like to thank you in advance for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to a new term ahead of learning and discovery, working together with you and your children.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Davies
Year 5 Team Leader

Miss H Wilkie
Year 5 Class Teacher

Miss A Spencer
Year 5 Class Teacher

Mr K Roy
Year 5 Class Teacher