



Welcome to year 5! We hope you had an enjoyable summer and got to enjoy some sunshine. We have an exciting first half term ahead of us as we're going into space!

Project

Over the next seven weeks the children will be exploring the Space Race and the impact this has had on our space technology today. We will begin our topic by learning how the Cold War fuelled man's desires to reach the stars!

We will end the topic with a visit from the Space Dome, where children will experience the beauty of space for themselves!



Literacy

To link with our project our text this half term is 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce.

The children will follow Liam on an adventure into space...will he return safely? Throughout this unit the children will learn to use grammar and punctuation to enhance their writing. They will write in role and learn to engage the reader through specific vocabulary choices.



Mathematics

This half term we will focus on general maths skills for place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Once the children have mastered these skills we will be applying them to real life situations to build their confidence in using maths everyday.

We will be focusing on mental arithmetic skills such as quick recall of times tables and number bonds.

Please support us by helping your child learn their times tables at home.

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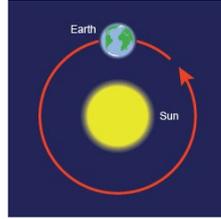
This term year 5 are lucky enough to have forest schools and Premier Sports for our PE sessions.

Mrs Pantziarka/ Miss Segui's class will have Premier Sports on a Thursday morning and Forest Schools on a Friday afternoon.

Mrs Lovegood's class will have both Premier Sports and Forest schools on a Thursday

Please make sure you have your **full** PE kit in on these days.

Home learning challenges



Last year we introduced home learning challenges and were delighted with the number of children who took part and the quality and creativity of their work. After parental feedback we have decided to continue this this year.

The children will receive a half-termly challenge along with weekly tasks such as learning their spellings, revising key maths topics through their KIRF challenges (Key Instant Recall Facts) and reading daily at home.

Information regarding their half-termly topic homework will be sent home on Monday 12th. However, if your child would like to begin researching our topic on space, they can follow the links below for some fun trivia and quiz tasks to assess their understanding:

- <http://www.ngkids.co.uk/science-and-nature/ten-facts-about-space>

Reading at home

Reading at home is really important in supporting your child's reading development in school. Ideally, you should be reading with your child at least 5 times a week—this need only be for 10 minutes. To help motivate your child to read regularly at home, we will be running a Pokemon reading challenge in year 5. In order to collect a Pokemon on their chart, your child needs to read each night. Every time they read with you please sign their home school journal so we can see this. They will then be able to 'collect' a better Pokemon. The more they read, the better the Pokemon!

Dates for your diary

Monday 12th September— home learning will be sent out.

Tuesday 13th September— cake and curriculum parents meeting 3.30—4.30.

Tuesday 15th November— Planetarium into school for year 5.

11th and 13th October —Parent's Evening

Thankyou for your continued support.
Mrs Pantziarka, Miss Segui and Mrs Lovegood.