



Year 5/6 Newsletter

Spring Term 1



The Year 5/6 Teaching Team

Class 8



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English

In English this half term, we will be using space as a stimulus to write our own alien invasion stories. Pupils will have the chance to create their own alien species and planet, developing this into a sci-fi narrative. As well as this, we will be writing a survival guide for planet Earth, explaining to any extraterrestrial visitors what they can expect to see and do if they were to arrive!

Maths

In mathematics, we'll be continuing to develop our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages and apply this to shape and number problems. We will also be looking at geometry and investigating the properties of shape. UKS2 will continue to reason and problem solve through open ended questions and role play activities. Please continue to use Mathletics and TT Rockstars at home.

Forest School

As always, UKS2 will be participating in Forest School on a Monday of Week 1. Our first Forest School session will be on Monday 20th January. Pupils must attend school wearing suitable outdoor clothing (not school uniform) for the whole day. This will allow students to experience new and exciting activities including: den and fire building, classification and foraging.

Topic: Space and Light

This term Years 5 and 6 will be exploring space and light. We will be studying the development of space travel and important figures that have played a role in this. The children will be challenged to create their own rockets using household items and we will hold our own 'Space Race' competition. Furthermore, we will be studying the different planets and develop our understanding of why they may or may not be able to sustain life.

Science/MFL/SWAP

Within science, pupils will be working scientifically to develop their understanding of light. They will investigate how we can reflect and refract light and will use this knowledge to create their own periscopes!

In MFL, we will be studying French. We will be continuing to develop our understanding of conversational language. This will be based around discussing names and age.

SWAP is a programme for students in Y5 - Y6 that provides techniques and activities to help students learn good habits that promote healthier wellbeing.

Homework.

Maths, spelling and reading homework will go out every **Wednesday** and will need to be returned on the following **Monday**. This will begin week commencing 8/01/2020

Please try to work with your child to facilitate their learning at home.

P.E.

We love PE in Year 5/6 and we have lots of exciting, energetic and, most importantly, fun activities planned for the year ahead! Therefore, it is really important that we are kitted out correctly. We suggest bringing PE kit into school on a Monday and taking it home to be washed on a Friday to avoid children without kit. Can all pupils ensure that they wear the correct, new coloured PE kit and suitable footwear.

Dates for your Diary

10/01/2020- Big Swing for attendance/team points

16/01/2020- UKS2 Planetarium

31/01/2020—Space and Light Parent Event

14/02/2020—Break Up for February half term

24/02/2020—Spring Term 2—School Starts