

Year 5 Curriculum Letter -Spring 1 2022

Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a good break and are able to feel refreshed and ready to begin the New Year! We hope you will appreciate some information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,
The Year 5 team

Neptune class - Rob Layton, Caroline Raspail
Pluto Class - Meredith Cormier, Sue Hawkins

Topic

Our new topic will be **Reach for the Stars!** This will be the focus for our History, Science, English, PSHE and Art work. We will be exploring the changing role of women in society, Space, scientific ambitions (as well as our own).

English

This term in English, we will begin by focusing on 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Leigh Shetterly and Laura Freeman.

We will be using this book to help develop children's writing skills within the context of non-fiction, writing reports and memoirs alongside other contextual genres, all linked to our topic.

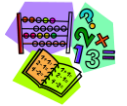
We will continue to explore character descriptions and write using engaging and interesting language with increasing technical proficiency. To support children in their developing literacy skills we will continue to do spelling and grammar activities in and outside of the daily English session. We also aim to continue regular handwriting to encourage pride in presentation.

In Guided Reading we will enjoy 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.



Maths

Our first focus of the year will be on Fractions and related facts. Looking at equivalent fractions and working out fractions of amounts or quantities is the first area we will work on. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to practice their maths facts and times tables!



Science

Our topic is **Space** and we will be looking at orbits, planetary forces and time spans of orbits - as well as other related facts and knowledge. As ever, we will be carrying out investigations, which will help to develop children's scientific enquiry skills, by making observations, predictions and conclusions.

Music

We will continue to conduct a weekly singing assembly and develop our performance skills and self-confidence.

Art/DT

In our art lessons, we will be creating origami stars. In addition, we will create our own planetary landscapes based on increasing knowledge of our solar system. We will work in different media and aim to develop skills with different styles of artwork. Most importantly, we want Year 5 to allow their creativity to shine through!

PE

Our lessons will take place on Monday and Friday. Mondays and Fridays will be games based lessons including: tennis, volleyball or TAG rugby. Pluto will attend Darwin Court for Swimming on Friday afternoons this half term.

Rough daily timetable:

9:05-9:40 Reading
9:40-10:50 English
10:50-11:10 Spelling/Handwriting
BREAK
11:25-12:35 Maths
LUNCH
1:25-2:15 Topic/Science/Spanish
/Art/PSHE
2:15-3:00
Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

Home support/Dates for the diary:

Please continue to read with or otherwise encourage and ensure daily reading practice.
Help with times tables and related division facts.
Communicate any home concerns, problems or issues with school (this can be recorded in reading journals if necessary).

14th - 18th February - **Half term**

PE days: Monday and Friday
Neptune - Games
Pluto - Games Monday, Swimming Friday