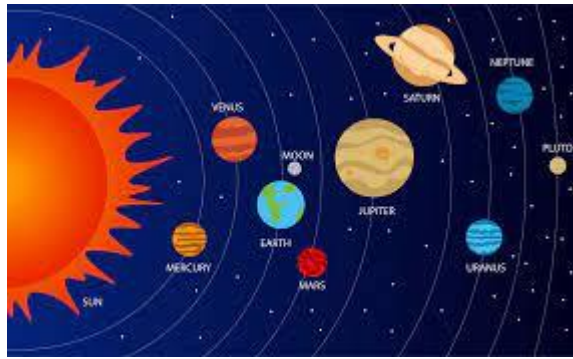


Autumn Term 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to another exciting year in Year 5. We are very much looking forward to working and learning with you all 😊

The Year 5 team include:

Aspen: Mrs T Moran
Alder: Mr S Forrester
Miss K Michienzi

Mrs K Ratajczak
Miss E Thorne

Term 1 and 2 Topic:

Our topic in Term 1 and 2 is Space.

This is a science-based topic which focusses on space and the solar system. In science lessons children focus on the relationship between the Sun, the Earth and the Moon. They find out that the Earth orbits the Sun once each year and, due to the tilt of the Earth's axis, this explains why we have different seasons. They also find out that it takes 24 hours for the Sun to rotate on its axis, and that we have periods of day and night depending on where the Sun is in relation to a country's position on Earth.

During Term 1, the children read *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce which is a humorous adventure seen through the eyes of twelve-year-old Liam Digby a 'gifted and talented' child whose physical appearance ages him beyond his years. The children will learn how to use persuasive devices to write an e-mail and leaflet to persuade a target audience. During Term 2, the children will be looking at the purpose of poetry, and they will explore the poet, Karl Nova, and explores the importance of rhythm and performance throughout his work and the work of some of his major musical and poetic influences. They will also be given the opportunity to explore why he writes and the things that inspire his writing; in particular, writing about poetry and writing, everyday events, personal experiences and emotions.

P.E.

For the first term Year 5 P.E will be on Thursday afternoons

Alder will be attending swimming sessions on Wednesday mornings and all children will be expected to swim at each session unless medically advised not to. In this instance, a letter will be required. Please ensure swimming contributions are made via ParentPay.

Please send your child in wearing full PE kit on these days.

Please ensure PE kit adheres to our school policy, as found on our website:

- Velcro or lace-up trainers.
- Socks
- Navy Blue or Black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt

In colder weather, a plain dark sweatshirt or fleece and dark tracksuit trousers with no logos may be worn. Football kits are not allowed.

Practical things you need to know

Please **DO NOT** bring in pencil cases, toys or knick-knacks from home. School will provide all resources/pencils etc in individual pencil cases.

Please do ensure that your child wears correct named uniform, including proper shoes. This also applies to P.E kit, which must be worn into school on PE and sports club.

Do Bring:

- Water bottle – no squash or juice please
- Healthy snack – no chocolate, sweets or crisps please at break
- Lunch (packed or school dinner)
- A book bag with a reading book from home for the first few days– during the first week reading levels will be assessed and a suitable book chosen in discussion with a member of staff

Homework Expectations and Reading

Years 5 will be expected to complete a times tables homework and spelling homework each week, in addition to daily reading (please sign reading records). Homework will be set on Monday and collected in by the following Monday.

Times tables should be practised regularly. The children have logins for Times Tables Rockstars, which is a fun way for them to practise their quick recall of times tables at home.

We also expect your child to read every day for around 10 minutes and for this to be recorded in their reading record. Although they are usually ready to read by themselves at this age, you can support your child's understanding of the text by asking them general questions about what they have read and the characters etc.– you then need to sign to say that this has been completed.

We hope that both you and the children enjoy the new topic and have a great year.

Best wishes

Mrs T Moran, Mr S Forrester and Miss K Michienzi