

The Teachers in Year 5 are: Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Kaur
The Teaching Assistants are: Mrs Preston / Mrs Grimes

Our Topic this Half Term is 'Dynamic Dynasties'

Welcome back, this half term year 5 will be continuing with the topic Dynamic Dynasties but will now start to study mini topics in; Science, Geography, Design Technology and Art. We will initially focus on Earth and Space, our learning will progress into Forces and Mechanisms and then into geography where we will be investigating the world.

In English, we will be writing non-chronological reports about Space as well as a setting description and finally a persuasive letter concerning the environment.

We will continue to practise the Y5/6 spelling lists; the spellings will be set via Sumdog each week. If you could work with your child on these, we would really appreciate your support. The texts we will be reading will include: Space – DK encyclopaedia and The sea of tranquillity by Mark Haddon.

How you could help your child prepare for the topic...

We will begin the topic by sharing a letter from Tim Peake and the Space Centre. To explore our new topic further, you could use the internet to conduct some research or visit the library to discover more information about Space.

General Reminders:

PE: P.E is on a Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure earrings are taken out for these sessions. Children must wear the correct P.E kit (white top / black bottoms).

I-Pads: Your child must bring their school i-pad each day and ensure it has been charged at home.

Homework: Your child will be given homework on Purple Mash and Sumdog. This will be given weekly on a Friday and should be returned on a Thursday.

Reading: Please read your child's reading book with them at least three times a week. Use MyOn to quiz and read at home too. There will be raffle tickets and prizes for reading at home.

Water Bottles: Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day.

Healthy Snack: Children may bring a healthy snack every day for break, fruit or vegetables.

Maths

The topics this half term are:

- using multiplication and division skills,
- fractions and decimals.
- 2D and 3D shape
- bar charts and tables.

You can help your child by practising times tables, (using TT Rockstars). Also practise division facts, e.g. $81 \div 9 = 9$ therefore $9 \times 9 = 81$. Please encourage your child to use Sumdog to reinforce their learning too.

Useful Websites:

www.myon.org.uk
<https://www.purplemash.com/>
<https://ttrockstars.com/>
www.sumdog.com

Autumn Dates for your Diary:

16th November: Children in Need Day
17th November: Inset Day
12th December: Christmas Market
21st December: Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
22nd December: Last day of term
8th January: Return to school for Spring

Any other Information

Thank you for your continued support. Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions about your child's learning.