



Year Five Termly Newsletter

Autumn 2020

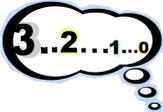
English

In the first term we will be:

- Enjoying the well-known (and loved) novel, *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell-Boyce, producing a range of writing inspired by this, plus an anthology of poems about Space called 'Cosmic Disco'.
- Reading and writing non-fiction texts based Space both in class and on Epic.
- There will be weekly comprehension activities linked to the work we do or current affairs.
- Our main focuses in writing will be using increasingly adventurous vocabulary, varying sentence structure and using sophisticated punctuation, e.g. dashes for parenthesis, semi-colons and ellipses. Similarly, in reading our focuses will be empathy and inference. There will reading homework to complement class skills.
- SPAG will continue to be embedded into the curriculum with weekly homework.



Mathematics

- This term we will be focusing mainly on Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Statistics and Mental skills. 
- Within each of these, the children will become fluent, asked to problem-solve and reason with the maths in verbal and written form.
- We will also be encouraging the children to represent their maths with models and images to ensure a deeper understanding of each concept, i.e. concrete maths.
- There will be daily times tables activities and a times table per week will be tested on a Friday. **Although time is spent working on multiplication and division facts during school time, it is imperative that the children practise these at home too.**
- There is a strong focus on active participation, collaborative work and enjoyment in order to get the best out of the children. We often incorporate active and practical activities into our lessons. All children respond well to this and therefore are keen to learn and progress
- Fridays will consist of our 'Memory Jogger' tasks

Creative Curriculum



- Science:** Properties and Changes of Matter; Earth and Space
- Computing:** E-safety; Computer Skills; Programming - Space Invaders
- Art/Design/DT:** Artist study - Vincent Van Gogh; Starry night
- History:** The Space Race and Moon Landing
- Music:** Improvising and composing music to represent the planets; listening to 'The Planets' Suite'; Musical Minds lessons
- RE:** Precious Things; Christmas in Art
- PE:** Yoga; Invasion Games; Swimming; Gymnastics; Bikeability



- MFL:** Spanish
- PSHE:** Good To Be Me; Getting on and Falling Out; Mental Health and Parts of the Brain; Mindfulness
- Forest Schools:** (if possible) Senses



Thinking and Learning Skills in Year 5

As well as the thinking and learning that goes on automatically in lessons, we will be particularly focusing on the following life skills:

Mindfulness (e.g. calming strategies, yoga and meditation and mindful Monday activities); empathy for others (often through our reading work but also in Thoughtful Thursday activities and Circle Time); being creative and imaginative with activities like Fantasy Friday. We also expect our children to work as a team, and develop their resilience and willingness to learn from mistakes and stick at a task!

