

# Year 5 are out of this world!

At last, year 5 have landed. This term, our science and topic work will see us soaring through our solar system and beyond, making the link between forces and the planets, as well as phenomena such as day and night and the importance of the Space Race.

## English

In our English we shall be developing our writing tool kits, using a range of film, textual and visual sources to inspire our writing and creative thinking. Towards the end of term we will change our focus and explore non-fiction writing, specifically, engaging and informing audiences with non-chronological reports.

## Maths

In our Maths learning we will now be using the NCETM scheme of work, allowing to further our problem solving and reasoning skills. This term will see us explore place value, multiples and negative numbers.

## PSHEE and RE:

In RE we will be looking at the religion Sikhism and trying to answer the question: How far will a Sikh go for their religion? In PSHEE we will be focusing on our well-being, discussing what makes us happy as well as how we can cope with things that might make us worry.

## Computing:

We will be looking at the information that we can find on the internet, and what we do to make sure that it is accurate and factual.

Keep an eye out for a *virtual* joint Year 5 Collective Worship towards the end of term!

**Dates:** All children return to school – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

End of term 1 – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Inset day – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

P.E. kits – For term 1, PE will be on a Wednesday. **Please remember that children should come to school wearing their P.E kits on the Wednesday.**

## Home learning:

There will be some home learning for children to complete weekly. Most weeks this will consist of some times tables and spelling practice and daily reading. Occasionally, there will be some flipped learning that will enable your child to develop their initial ideas, or dive deeper into a concept.

Your child will be expected to practise their times tables every week, (using TT Rock stars or an agreed alternative method) as a solid understanding of their times tables can really strengthen your child's ability in Maths – we recommend aiming for 25-30 minutes across the week.

Reading at home - both aloud and to themselves- is an excellent way of increasing vocabulary and comprehension. Please encourage your child to have a book that interests/inspires them at home – if they want to bring this book to school for consistency and fluency, this is encouraged. If your child is struggling to find a book they enjoy, we are more than happy to give recommendations and advice!

We are no longer using the countries spelling scheme. Your child will be given a weekly list of spellings and we will teach the rule in class, ending the week with a spelling test. The children will be given a range of strategies they can use to practice their spellings.

Healthy snack: Just a reminder that it is school policy for children to have a snack which is either a fruit, or vegetable, at break times.