

## What's out there?

### English

This half term, we will be working hard on basic skills and applying these to our writing, whilst creating a finding narrative based on our reading text and a planet report.

To support this, we will focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar linked to each genre.

We will be looking closely at improving the presentation of our handwriting; all of the children will have the opportunity to earn a pen licence throughout the year.

### Reading

In Reading, the children will be reading information books all about space. The whole class text is the brilliant 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes which we will be using to develop our inference and retrieval skills. We will also use Katherine Johnson (A life story) to learn about her life at NASA.

#### Recommended Reading:

If you enjoyed reading 'The Iron Man', why not try other books by Ted Hughes, such as 'The Iron Woman'.

Our focus author for the half term is Louis Sachar.

### Maths

In maths this half term, the children will be securing their understanding of number and place value, addition and subtraction.

In line with the maths mastery curriculum, the children will be deepening their understanding and developing their problem solving skills within this area.

Children will also be given opportunities to develop their times table and arithmetic skills.

### Topic and Science

The children will be learning all about the amazing topic of space, they will design and build their own space themed toy using cams technology. They will also learn about the planets in our solar system, investigating how the Earth has day, night and seasons.

We are lucky enough to bring this topic to life by a visit from the Space Dome. This is an amazing experience which will allow the children to soar through the solar system without even leaving the building!

### Welcome to Year Five!

We have such a busy term planned and are very excited to do what we love best, learning new things.

If you have any questions or concerns, please either write a note in your child's diary or make an appointment through the office to speak with a member of the team and we will be more than happy to chat with yourselves.

Year Five Team,

Mrs Chapman, Mrs Jones and Miss Layfield.



### Physical Education:

In indoor PE, the children will be exploring space through Dance activities. In outdoor PE, the children will be playing tennis.

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every **Thursday**.

### Computing:

We will be learning about the importance of E-safety and how to stay safe online.

### Music:

This term the children will be playing the jumbie pans.

### Religious Education:

The children will be learning about Sikhism, thinking about the sacrifices Sikhs make for their religion.

### French:

We will be reviewing previous learning with a focus on the ability to talk about ourselves.

### Jigsaw:

Our Jigsaw topic is 'Being Me in My World'.

### Homework

**English and Maths homework** will be set every **Thursday**, to be handed in **the following Wednesday**.

Children are expected to spend between 20-30 minutes on each piece of work.

### Spellings

**Spellings will be set on a Wednesday and tested the following Wednesday.**

Pink books must be handed in on a **Tuesday**.

This year we will explore the Year 5/6 spelling list and associated spelling rules.

### Home Learning

The home learning project for this half term is to research an area of space to present to the class. This can be as a poster, model, presentation or something more exciting—if unsure please speak to your class teacher.

**This is due week beginning 27th September 2021.**

**Article 29** - You have the right to an education that should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.