

Year 5 Newsletter: Spring 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday. It has been wonderful to welcome your children back into school and we were so pleased with how well the children settled into their new classes last half term. Mrs Jaques, Miss McConn and Mr Walton are all looking forward to the next term ahead and we have lots of exciting things planned!

Maths

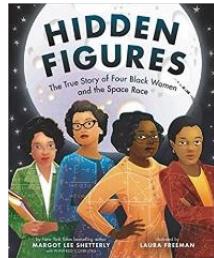
We will be starting this half term by building on the children's knowledge of multiplication and division. The children will be working with different methods to help them multiply up to four digit numbers by one and two digit numbers. The pupils will then be moving into division. They will be refreshing their knowledge of previously used methods like the bus stop method.

Art

In art this half term, the children will be looking at the work of Peter Thorpe and his work with abstract art. The children will then be creating their own piece of art work using chalk and pastels creating a rocket and an abstract space theme.

History

In history this half term, the children will be learning all about the Shang Dynasty and Ancient China. They will look at archaeological evidence of the Shang Dynasty, as well as learning about key events and figures.



English

This half term the pupils will be studying the book *Hidden Figures*. This book links in well to our science topic in which the children will be learning about space. The pupils will use this book and other pieces of information to create a web page and a non-chronological report.

Science

In this topic, we will be looking at space. The children will have the chance to learn more about the planets in our solar system and get a better understanding of the planet that they live on. They will also have the chance to develop this learning further with some practical work and an in school visit from the wonderdome.

'Our' Place in 'Our' World.

Year 5 will have a visit from the Wonderdome. This is a mobile planetarium in which the children will have the opportunity to see in more detail our planet and planets and stars which surround it.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

The children will have many opportunities to learn different skills this half term that will help increase their knowledge and understanding of the world around them. For example, sign language.

Healthy and Happy Living

The children will be learning about stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination. They will understand how these can effect peoples live and prevent them from healthy and happy living

Inquisitive Investigators

We will use scientific enquiry to answer questions about space, stars and the different planets that make up the solar system.

Important information & Dates to remember:

- PE is now on a Tuesday. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit (plain white tshirt, plain black leggings or shorts and a plain black hoodie).
- Year 5 children will finish school at 3:15 pm and can be collected from the lower KS2 playground. They WILL NOT be allowed to walk home on their own without completing the walking home link. **Please call or email school** if your child is being collected by an alternative adult.
- Please send your child with a named water bottle every day.
- Please continue to support your child's reading by reading with them at home and logging it on Boom Reader.
- Growth mindset week will take place w.c. 9th February
- Your child will read with an adult in school on a 1:1 basis so please ensure that their book bag is in school **every day**. This book will then be sent home to complete or to be re-read and will be at your child's reading level.

Please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for your continued support. We're looking forward to the exciting year ahead!