

Year 5

Summer term 2021



OUT OF THIS WORLD

Welcome back! We will be very busy this coming term as we explore the exciting topic 'Out of this World'. Once again, we have a lot to look forward to and we can't wait to get started!

English

Year 5 will be exploring a fascinating novel, 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce, which will take us on a journey into space! We will be using this text as inspiration for our own descriptive writing. We will be focusing on extending our understanding of different punctuation marks, including brackets and dashes for parenthesis. Guided reading will continue as we work on developing both our comprehension skills and our stamina for handling longer pieces, using a variety of texts. Spelling will continue to take a high priority as we push the children to work with greater accuracy. Your continued support at home will be instrumental in the children making good progress in reading and writing this term.

Maths

As well as continuing to develop their understanding of calculations, problem solving and reasoning about maths, the children will be focussing on decimals, geometry and measure. We will also continue to recap key skills, including quick recall of number bonds and times tables up to 12x12. All children have a log in for 'Times Table Rock Stars' and it is important that the children access this at home and continue to practise these weekly. This practice will help with their weekly times table assessment and give them a chance at becoming the Year 5 'Times Table Rock Star of the Week'!

Science

This term's science work will be all about space and forces as we find out about our solar system and the different forces at play. We will be analysing statistics and presenting data in a variety of ways. The children will carry out their own practical science investigations, using their understanding of fair testing. We will also explore sound, how it travels and how the ear works.

History

Linking to our science topic of space, we will explore the moon landings and the significant role that women have played in space history. The children will find out about the space race and right up to modern day space travel, including Tim Peake's recent adventure. We will also research the history of the telephone and how it has changed over the decades.

R.E.

This term, children will be learning about the key features of Islam, considering the significance of the Qur'an and why Muhammed is so important to Muslims. We will be thinking about what makes a good citizen in Cledford and the ways in which we can help to make our school community even better.

Music

We will be exploring the key features of music, allowing the children to comment upon pitch, tempo, dynamics and timbre. We will also listen and appraise film scores for famous TV and movie scores.

P.E.

In P.E. we are very lucky to be receiving specialist cricket coaching to develop throwing, catching, batting and fielding skills. This will also develop their team work skills, a vital lesson in life as well as in sport. There will also be a focus on athletics to develop running, jumping and throwing. We will be completing orienteering challenges to tie in with our map reading skills in geography and maths. This term, our P.E day is on Friday and children should come to school in weather appropriate P.E kit instead of their school uniform. A reminder that P.E kit includes blue/black shorts, white t-shirt and pumps or trainers. In colder weather, dark jogging bottoms and a school sweatshirt may be worn. All items must be clearly named, please.

Art/D.T.

We will be creating digital art with a focus on perspective. The children will also learn about a variety of artists and will compare and contrast their styles and techniques. We will then try to recreate our own versions of famous works of art. During the term, we will be designing and making items related to our space and sound topic.

Computing

We will continue to use 'Purple Mash' to cover our computing objectives and we will apply these skills across the curriculum. These lessons can also be accessed at home. In addition to this, we will also work on the children's touch typing skills and revisit and recap the importance of E-Safety. We appreciate your support in reminding children at home to ensure they are accessing age appropriate games and applications. Equally, we value your reminders to children about communicating with others respectfully and appropriately online.

French

Mrs Smith will continue to deliver French lessons to the children every week. They will be recapping basic French greetings and are currently learning the French names for parts of the body.

Homework

Our homework this term will be a mixture of English and Maths skills as well as more creative activities linking to our topic. Those children who are attending maths booster groups with Mrs Sutton will be set additional homework linked to the skills they are developing in their group; it is vital the children complete these weekly tasks to support their progress. Spelling tests will also continue this term. We cannot stress enough the importance of daily reading at home. Children are expected to read for at least ten minutes each evening and to have their reading diary signed five times per week. Thank you, as always, for your continued support with homework, spelling, reading and times tables. It really does make an enormous difference to the children.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss further, then please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 5 team.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

The Year 5 team

Please refer to the Year 5 page on our school website for a list of useful websites. The children have also been given logins for Times Table Rock Stars and Purple Mash, these can be found in their reading diaries.